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Trump rolls back pollution rules for drilling on U.S. lands

By MATTHEW BROWN

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) —

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In this Feb. 25, 2015, file photo, a gas flare is seen at a natural gas processing facility near Williston, N.D.

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Mattis dismissive of news reports of tension with Trump

By ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Tuesday dismissed recent news reports that tensions between him and President Donald Trump point to his exit soon.

Asked by a reporter whether such reports should be taken seriously, he replied, "No. I wouldn't take it seriously at all. It's like most of those kind of things in this town" that he said are fanned by baseless rumor. "Somebody cooks up a headline. They then call to a normally chatty class of

people, they find a couple of other things to put in, they add the rumor, somebody else on the other coast starts writing the same thing — next thing you know you've got a story," he told a small group of reporters on the steps of the Pentagon as he awaited the arrival of his Philippine counterpart.

Several news organizations have reported that Trump has become weary of Mattis, a retired Marine general who was one of his first Cabinet selections. He is seen by many as a steady-

ing influence on Trump in the face of sometimes impulsive moves on national security issues.

It's well known that Mattis has privately disagreed with Trump on numerous issues, including the president's decision to end U.S. participation in the Iran nuclear deal and move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem. But Mattis is widely supported in Congress and the military and prevailed in an administration argument in 2017 over whether to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan. □

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President Donald Trump speaks during a news conference with Polish President Andrzej Duda, in the East Room of the White House, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, in Washington.

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Senate backs bill to avert shutdown, boost military spending



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., flanked by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., left, and Majority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, speaks with reporters following their weekly policy meetings, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Tuesday approved a wide-ranging, \$854 billion bill that funds the military and a host of civilian agencies for the next year and provides a short-term fix to keep the government open through early December. The measure includes \$675 billion for the Defense Department and boosts military pay by 2.6 percent, the largest pay raise in nine years. The bill also approves spending for Health and Human Services, Education, Labor and other agencies, including a 5 percent boost for the National Institutes of Health.

Senators approved the bill 93-7. The measure now goes to the House, where lawmakers are expected to approve it next week, days ahead of a Sept. 30 deadline for a government shutdown.

The stopgap bill would not address President Donald Trump's long-promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. GOP leaders have said they'd prefer to resolve the issue after the Nov. 6 elections.

The Senate vote comes as House and Senate negotiators work to approve a separate spending bill that would pay for the Interior, Agriculture, Transportation and other departments, as well as the Treasury and federal courts.

When combined with a measure approved last week, the three compromise spending bills would account for nearly 90 percent of annual federal spending, including the military and most civilian agencies.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., called the bill approved Tuesday historic, noting that the package boosts funding for medical research and the opioid epidemic while providing troops with the largest pay raise in nearly a decade.

"We are making real progress here" in approving spending bills before the new budget year begins Oct. 1, Shelby said. "We are going to make the appropriations trains run again." The focus on agency-level spending bills marks a departure from recent years, when Congress routinely ignored individual spending measures in favor of giant "omnibus" spending packages that fund the entire government all at once — often after the new budget year had begun.

The Senate had not passed a spending bill covering Labor or Health in more than a decade before approving one last month.

Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations panel, said he was pleased that the compromise bill

eliminates contentious policy riders that he and other lawmakers call "poison pills." Such riders frequently lead to a spending bill's defeat even as lawmakers from both parties agree on a vast majority of spending priorities.

"We did our job and focused on what we should be doing — making responsible, thoughtful decisions about how to fund these federal agencies and leaving controversial policy issues out of it," Leahy said in a refrain that has become familiar on the Senate floor in recent weeks as Leahy, Shelby and other leaders fend off partisan proposals. Utah Sen. Mike Lee, a conservative Republican, blasted the bill for failing to address right-to-life issues.

"For the second straight year of unified Republican governance — unified pro-life governance — Congress's annual spending bills will include no new reforms protecting unborn children, or getting federal taxpayers out of the abortion business," Lee said.

Despite Lee's comments, under long-standing law and regulations, federal funds cannot be used to pay for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or when the woman's life is endangered. Planned Parenthood, a major provider of health care services, receives federal family-planning grants and separately provides abortions.

The bill approved Tuesday provides \$147.9 billion for military equipment and upgrades. Of that figure, \$24.2 billion will go toward 13 Navy ships, including two Virginia-class submarines and three fast-moving littoral combat ships. The relatively small ships are intended to operate in congested areas near the shore against small boats and mines. The bill also includes \$9.3 billion for 93 new F-35 aircraft and more than \$4 billion for Black Hawk, Apache and other helicopters. The 5 percent boost for NIH is the fourth-straight significant increase for the biomedical research agency. □

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Judge: Georgia has stalled in face of voting system risks

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — As Georgia's top elections official runs for governor, a federal judge said the state has stalled too long in the face of "a mounting tide of evidence of the inadequacy and security risks" of its voting system.

Secretary of State Brian Kemp, a Republican, is in the midst of a closely watched race against Democrat Stacey Abrams, a former state House minority leader who's trying to become the country's first black, female governor. He has repeatedly insisted that Georgia's current voting system is secure.

Voting integrity advocates sued last year, arguing that the touchscreen voting machines Georgia has used since 2002 are vulnerable to hacking and provide no way to confirm that votes have been recorded correctly because there's no paper trail. They sought an immediate change to paper ballots for the mid-term elections while the case is pending.

U.S. District Judge Amy Totenberg declined to grant that request Monday, saying that although voting integrity advocates have demonstrated "the threat of real harms to their constitutional interests," she worried about the "massive scrambling" required for a last-minute change to paper ballots. Early voting starts Oct. 15 for the Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Kemp said in an emailed statement that his office will continue to prepare for "a secure, orderly election in November" and will move forward "to responsibly upgrade Georgia's secure — but aging — voting system." "As I have said many times over, our state needs a verifiable paper trail, but we cannot make such a dramatic change this election cycle," he said.

Abrams, who was campaigning Tuesday with



In this Sept. 22, 2016, file photo, employees of the Fulton County Election Preparation Center in Atlanta test electronic voting machines.

Associated Press

former President Jimmy Carter, did not specifically reference the judge's ruling in an emailed statement.

"As the founder of a non-profit dedicated to registering voters and as the former House Democratic Leader, I know Georgians are hungry for leaders who will make sure every voice can count at the polls," Abrams said. She promised that as governor, she would "continue to ensure our elections are safe, secure, and accessible."

Georgia is among five states, along with more than 300 counties in eight other states, that exclusively use touchscreen voting machines that provide no paper record, according to Verified Voting, a non-profit group focused on ensuring the accuracy of elections.

Elections experts said the judge's criticism is unlikely to influence voters' decisions in the gubernatorial race. Democrats will likely use it in mailers or television ads, perhaps even adopting some of the judge's language, but most voters have already made up their minds, said Emory University political science professor Alan Abramowitz. "It certainly doesn't help Brian Kemp," he said, but

added, "I don't think it's going to have a big effect one way or the other."

Kemp campaign spokesman Ryan Mahoney didn't respond to an email Tuesday seeking comment on what the ruling says about the two-term secretary of state's leadership abilities at a time when he's seeking a higher leadership position.

Totenberg chastised the state, saying it had been slow to respond to "serious vulnerabilities of its voting system," as well as software and hardware issues that have long been evident, and said "further delay is not tolerable ..."

The judge noted a general consensus among cybersecurity experts and federal officials about the insecurity of electronic voting machines with no paper record. She pointed to a Sept. 6 report from the National Academy of Sciences that says all elections should be conducted with "human-readable paper ballots" by 2020, with every effort made to use them in this year's general election. "Advanced persistent threats in this data-driven world and ordinary hacking are unfortunately here to stay," she wrote, adding that state elections of-

ficials "will fail to address that reality if they demean as paranoia the research-based findings of national cybersecurity engineers and experts in the field of elections."

Kemp, who rejected federal offers of assistance with election system security in 2016, established a commission earlier this year to look into a change. Last month he called for proposals to implement a system with voter-verifiable paper records in time for the 2020 presidential election.

Meanwhile, lawyers for the state filed a notice Tuesday that they intend to appeal Totenberg's denial of their request to dismiss the case entirely.

Coalition for Good Governance executive director Marilyn Marks and attorney David Cross, who represents a small group of voters, said that even though the judge declined their paper ballots request they were encouraged by the tone of her ruling. Both said they're reviewing the decision to decide whether to appeal.

Totenberg also said the state did not seriously address the impact of a breach of a state election server in its arguments. □

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Los Angeles takes step toward banning sale of fur products



Protesters with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) hold signs to ban fur in Los Angeles during a news conference at Los Angeles City on Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

By ARIEL TU

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles, one of the world's major fashion centers and

long a symbol of glitz and glamour, is taking steps to ban the sale of new fur products, a move that would make it the largest

city in the U.S. to do so.

A proposal to ban the sale of fur products advanced in the City Council on Tuesday. The council voted unanimously to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance that will prohibit the manufacture and sale of new fur products. The ordinance must be presented to the council at a future date for final approval. "This is something that is not just a good legislative win, it's a moral win," Councilman Bob Blumenfield said. "We feel like we're evolving as a city as people to stop this kind of unnecessary cruelty."

The vote also directed the

city attorney to report back to the council on several issues, including how fur apparel is utilized by religious organizations, and possible exemptions, as well as potential conflicts with federal and state laws relating to sale of fur products derived from legally trapped animals.

A ban would take effect two years after final approval of the ordinance.

The ban would cover apparel made in whole or in part of fur, including clothing, handbags, shoes, hats, earmuffs, jewelry and keychains. Only used fur products could be sold.

Councilmen Bob Blumenfield and Paul Koretz submitted the motion.

Blumenfield said there's no reason to wear fur in 2018. "Certainly not in sunny Los Angeles," he said.

"There's nothing humane about raising an animal and killing it for unnecessary vanity," Koretz said.

The effort to ban the sale of fur products in Los Angeles is part of a national movement, said Christina Sewell, campaign manager at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"Millions of these animals are killed in the fur industry every year, and we're just slowly chipping away at this progress here in the United States, and we won't stop until every city in the U.S. is completely fur free," Sewell said.

Neighboring West Hollywood along with Berkeley and San Francisco already have fur bans, although their ordinances differ in some specifics. West Hollywood's law was changed to exempt fur from animals

that are legally trapped under state law.

Major fashion companies, including Michael Kors, Armani and Gucci, have also moved away from using fur. Earlier this month, Burberry said it would stop selling real fur.

Activists condemn the fur industry as inhumane, contending that the animals are subject to brutal conditions and meet torturous deaths. A number of celebrities, including actresses Maggie Q and Joanna Krupa, as well as No Doubt bassist Tony Kanal, joined the news conference outside of Los Angeles City Hall to support the ban before the unanimous vote.

Keith Kaplan, spokesman for the Fur Information Council of America, a trade group for manufacturers and fur merchants, denied the accusations and said the City Council motion is being put forward on the basis of "lies and false studies."

A fur ban in the city could have an economic impact, Kaplan said Monday.

"There's a lot of fur sold in LA. It's in over 500 designer collections, it's on shoes, it's on handbags," he said. "So yes, it will have an impact on jobs, it will have an impact on tax revenues."

Retail fur sales globally accounted for \$35.8 billion, and the fur industry employed more than 1 million people in 2014, the latest year that figures were available from the industry, Kaplan said.

Koretz said the ban would clearly disrupt the industry, but the phase-out period will allow a smoother transition. □

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Reality show doc, woman charged with California drug rapes

By JOHN ANTCHAK
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California physician who appeared in a reality TV dating show and an alleged female accomplice have been charged with drugging and sexually assaulting two women, and authorities said Tuesday there could be many more victims.

Orthopedic surgeon Grant W. Robicheaux, 38, of Newport Beach and Cerissa Laura Riley, 31, of Brea were arrested Sept. 12 after being charged with rape by use of drugs, oral copulation by anesthesia or controlled substance, and other crimes, Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas told a news conference in Santa Ana.

Investigators were meticulously going through "thousands and thousands of videos and images on Robicheaux's phone, many also including Riley," Rackauckas said.

Some videos show women who "appear to be highly intoxicated beyond the ability to consent or resist, and they're barely responsive to the defendant's sexual advances. Based on this evidence, we believe that there might be many unidentified victims out there," he said.

The district attorney showed reporters video of Robicheaux from a now-canceled Bravo TV show called "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male" in an episode titled "Three's A Crowd."

"We believe the defendants used their good looks and charm to lower the inhibitions of their potential prey," Rackauckas said, releasing an array of informa-

tion about many locations and events associated with Robicheaux and Riley.

The defendants, who were released on \$100,000 bail, could not be immediately reached for comment.

The two women who were allegedly assaulted met the pair during social encounters.

"Women who have encountered these two might have felt a false sense of security due to the fact that both defendants are clean cut, good-looking," Rackauckas said.

"We tend to trust doctors who take an oath to do no harm. The second defendant, being a female, is key. A woman purporting to be his girlfriend clearly played a significant role in disarming the victims, making them feel comfortable and safe," he said.

According to prosecutors, Robicheaux and Riley met a 32-year-old woman at a Newport Beach restaurant on April 10, 2016, invited her to a party and then escorted her to Robicheaux's apartment when she was intoxicated.

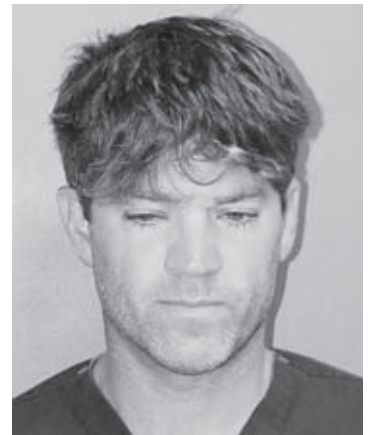
The pair allegedly gave the victim multiple drugs and then sexually assaulted her while she was incapable of resisting.

The woman called police the next day, and a forensic exam found multiple controlled substances.

On Oct. 2, 2016, the defendants allegedly drank alcohol with another woman at a Newport Beach bar until she was unconscious, brought her to Robicheaux's apartment and sexually assaulted her. The district attorney's office said the victim awakened and screamed for help until a neighbor called police,

who began an investigation.

Other charges against the two allege large amounts of illegal drugs were found in Robicheaux's residence in January 2018. Robicheaux is also accused of possessing two illegal, unregistered assault rifles, four other firearms and several large-capacity magazines. □



This undated booking photo provided by the Newport Beach, Calif., Police Department shows Grant W. Robicheaux, 38, right, a California doctor who appeared in a reality TV dating show and this undated booking photo provided by the Newport Beach, Calif., Police Department shows Cerissa Laura Riley, 31, Associated Press



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EU optimistic about Brexit border compromise

By **LORNE COOK**
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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union Brexit envoy Michel Barnier said Tuesday that his team is studying ways to carry out checks on goods moving into Northern Ireland in an effort to overcome a major obstacle in the negotiations, on the eve of a summit of EU leaders.

Brussels and London are struggling to come up with a solution that would keep the border open between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland, just six months before Britain leaves the bloc.

After talks with EU ministers in Brussels, Barnier told reporters that it's important to "de-dramatize" the whole border issue.



EU chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, right, speaks with Poland's European Affairs Minister Konrad Szymanski, left, during a General Affairs Article 50 Council at the Europa building in Brussels, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

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"Work on the EU side is ongoing. We are clarifying which goods arriving in Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K. would need to be checked, and

where, when and by whom these checks could be performed," he said, adding that "most checks can take place away from the border, at a company prem-

ises or in the markets."

The goods would then move freely from Northern Ireland into Ireland and the EU.

Addressing concerns that a hard border might be created, Barnier said "what we are talking about is not a border, neither on land or at sea. No. It is a set of technical controls and checks, a lot of which, most, can be put in place and carried out in places other than physically in Northern Ireland."

Despite suggestions of a compromise on a key issue, European Council President Donald Tusk warned earlier Tuesday that both sides could yet fail to reach an agreement.

"Unfortunately, a no deal scenario is still quite possible. But if we all act re-

sponsibly, we can avoid a catastrophe," Tusk wrote in a letter, inviting the 28 EU leaders to talks in Salzburg, Austria, starting Wednesday evening. Barnier says an EU summit in October "will be the moment of truth" in Brexit talks.

In Tokyo, British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt insisted that the U.K. will flourish with or without a deal.

A "no-deal" Brexit is possible, Hunt said in an interview, "but I don't think it's in anyone's interest for that to happen. So that's why we are cautiously optimistic that we will get a deal. But there's a lot of work to do to get there." British Prime Minister Theresa May needs to win over both the EU and critics of her Brexit proposal within her own Conservative Party. □

Cyprus, Egypt set to sign deal for offshore gas pipeline



Oil Minister Tarek el-Molla arrives at the presidential palace for a meeting with Cyprus' president Nicos Anastasiades in capital Nicosia, Cyprus, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

By **MENELAOS HADJICOSTIS**
Associated Press
NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —

Europe stands to gain from an agreement Egypt is set to sign with the Mediterra-

nean island nation of Cyprus to pipe offshore natural gas to processing plants in the north African country where it will be liquefied for export, Egypt's oil minister said Tuesday.

Tarek el-Molla said that under the terms of the agreement, gas off Cyprus could also be used for Egypt's domestic needs.

"So it is really a way to have ... good, win-win positions for not only Cyprus and Egypt, but also for Europe," El-Molla told reporters after talks with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades.

Cyprus' energy minister, Georgios Lakkotrypis, called the agreement— to

be signed Wednesday — a first of its kind for the region that could bolster Europe's energy security.

Lakkotrypis said the agreement could act as an example for other neighboring countries to offer oil and gas companies the kind of security on their investment so they can proceed with projects worth billions.

The Cypriot minister said the agreement concerns building a pipeline from the Aphrodite deposit — estimated to contain around 4.5 trillion cubic feet (130 billion cubic meters) of gas — to Egypt. But it can apply to other gas fields that may be discovered off the

island in the future.

"This is a European pipeline because the natural gas that will be conveyed to Egypt from Aphrodite, after the commercial agreements are completed, will find its way to Europe in liquefied form," Lakkotrypis said.

Talks to hammer out a commercial deal for the pipeline will start soon, he said. Italian company Eni has discovered another gas deposit southwest of Cyprus, but its size hasn't been determined yet. ExxonMobil will begin a hydrocarbon search off Cyprus later this year. France's Total is also licensed to search for gas. □



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Greece to move 2,000 out of overcrowded Lesbos migrant camp

By ELENA BECATOROS
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Associated Press

MORIA, Greece (AP) — Some 2,000 asylum-seekers will be moved out of a severely overcrowded migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos this month, a Greek official said Tuesday as charities slammed conditions at the camp, which has raw sewage running out of its main entrance.

Government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said those being moved out of the Moria camp, which houses 9,000 people in a facility built for 3,100, will be sent to the mainland so their asylum claims can be examined.

"The situation in Moria is indeed difficult, it is indeed at the limit," Tzanakopoulos said.

Regional governor Christina Kalogirou had threatened



In this photo taken on Thursday, March 16, 2017, a migrant stands between tents at the Moria refugee detention center on the northeastern Greek island of Lesbos.

Associated Press

to shut down the facility unless the Greek government improves conditions at Moria.

Camp resident Ali Sajjad Faizy, a 19-year-old from Afghanistan, said conditions at Moria have steadily

worsened and anyone who wants food has to stand in line for many hours.

"It's completely full," he said.

Doctors Without Borders has called for the emergency evacuation of vulnerable people at the camp to the mainland and other European Union countries, citing an increase in suicide attempts and self-harm among children in Moria and cases of sexual attack. "This is the third year that (we) have been calling on the Greek authorities and the EU to take responsibility for their collective failures and to put in place sustainable solutions to avoid this catastrophic situation," said Louise Roland-Gosselin of Doctors without Borders. "It is time to immediately evacuate the most vulnerable to safe accommodation in other European countries and to stop this never-ending cycle of emergency decongestions and the horrendous conditions we continue to witness in Moria." □

1 dead, 11 injured in scaffolding collapse at Madrid hotel

By ARITZ PARRA

MADRID (AP) — Scaffolding at a luxury hotel undergoing renovation in central Madrid collapsed on Tuesday, killing one construction worker and injuring at least 11 others, an official said. Wrought iron work on the sixth floor of the centrally located Ritz Hotel collapsed shortly after 4 p.m. (1400 GMT; 10 a.m. EDT), dragging the internal scaffolding down five stories along with the workers, according to the official from the emergency services. Most of the workers

emerged on their own and were treated for injuries ranging from minor to moderate, with two of them hospitalized in critical condition.

Firefighters rescued three people from the rubble with moderate injuries and were working to recover the body of the worker that was killed.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because she wasn't authorized to be named due to internal rules, said the local Madrid police would be investigating the cause of

the collapse, which emergency services called "an occupational accident" in a tweet.

An Associated Press photographer saw ambulances and firefighters working at the scene surrounded by dozens of onlookers. There were no signs of the collapse visible from the exterior of the building.

The Ritz Hotel, located near Spain's parliament and Madrid's famed Prado and Thyssen-Bornemisza museums, had been closed for a full renovation since March. □



An injured worker is carried on a stretcher after scaffolding collapsed at the Ritz hotel undergoing renovation in Madrid, Spain, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

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Experts air new concerns about UN response to Myanmar crisis

By JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — U.N.-backed investigators who examined a bloody crackdown by Myanmar security forces that caused hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims to flee to neighboring Bangladesh issued a searing critique Tuesday of the United Nations' own response to the human rights crisis.

In a 432-page report, the members of a fact-finding mission on Myanmar fleshed out preliminary findings and recommendations released in a shorter version three weeks ago.

"With a heavy heart and deep sadness, we have drawn conclusions, on the basis of the facts, that we never expected would be as grave as they are," team chairman Marzuki Darusman said he presented the report to the U.N.-supported Human Rights Council. "What we have found are not only the most serious human rights violations, but crimes of the highest order under international law," he said.

The team reiterated that some top Myanmar military leaders should be prosecuted for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide against the Rohingya during a deadly crackdown that erupted in August 2017 following militant attacks on security posts in Rakhine state.

In a rare rebuttal by Myanmar's government, its new ambassador in Geneva lashed out at what he called a "one-sided" report. The team has said Myanmar's government had not responded to its report or honored requests for access to violence-hit regions. "The way the report portrays ... the national races



In this Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, file photo, newly arrived Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar prepare to leave a transit shelter in Shahparirdwip, Bangladesh.

Associated Press

of Myanmar is misleading," the ambassador, Kyaw Moe Tun, told the 47-member body. "It also undermines the government's effort to bring peace, national reconciliation and development to the entire nation."

"Regardless of the lack of balance, impartiality and fairness, the government of Myanmar takes the allegations of human rights violations seriously," he said. "The government will not condone human rights violations."

After Marzuki spoke of the rape of women and girls by military forces, the ambassador countered, "We share deep sympathy and concern for all displaced persons, especially women and girls."

The full report also provided new details about the investigators' concerns about how the United Nations reacted during the spasm of violence. It noted that the "only statement" from the U.N. resident coor-

dinator's office "was to condemn the ARSA (militant group) attacks and losses suffered by the Myanmar security forces."

The council created the fact-finding mission 18 months ago, after years of abuses against ethnic minorities in Myanmar, focusing on the time since 2011 when the country began opening up after decades of isolation under a long-ruling military junta.

Though the investigators looked at the treatment of minority groups across the Southeast Asian nation, their mandate came just six months before the crackdown against the Rohingya in Rakhine, injecting the mission with far greater importance to help detail those abuses, crimes and human rights violations.

The report provides details of violence in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states, much of which has been documented and made public through collection of witness accounts, satellite im-

agery and other sources. It cited allegations of crimes by the military and other security forces including murder, torture, pillaging, execution without due process, rape, sexual slavery and hostage taking.

It said some acts by ethnic armed groups and the Rohingya militant organization ARSA could also constitute war crimes.

Crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide can be considered by international tribunals such as the International Criminal Court, but Myanmar is not a party to it. The country's government has snubbed a ruling by the court's judges that said the ICC has jurisdiction to investigate alleged crimes against the Rohingya.

The report's critique of the United Nations focused not only on the world body's response to the Rohingya crisis, but its efforts across the country.

For example, the investigators noted that the U.N. had

rolled out a "Human Rights Up Front Action Plan" in Myanmar in 2013, but said its "human rights driven" approach was "rarely, if ever, pursued."

"Rather, it was largely 'business as usual,' with development goals and humanitarian access prioritized only," the authors wrote.

They cited allegations that some U.N. personnel who tried to pursue a human rights agenda "were ignored, criticized, sidelined or blocked in these efforts." They alluded to criticism from Fieldview Solutions, an outside group that works to advance human rights, in July that cited some in U.N. and humanitarian circles for not doing enough to expand their "political space" in Myanmar, adding, "The Myanmar government has learned that it can count on U.N. and humanitarian self-censorship."

The U.N. experts said some U.N. entities and staffers showed "a lack of cooperation" with their work, and "appeared to view it as a threat, rather than a means to address the most deep rooted human rights challenges facing Myanmar."

"This attitude and approach must change," they added. The investigators did acknowledge that some people in the country had faced "intimidation and reprisals" for their "engagement" with the United Nations. The team renewed its urgent call for "a comprehensive, independent inquiry into the United Nations' involvement" in hopes of "establishing whether everything possible to prevent or mitigate the unfolding crises was done." It also sought to draw lessons and — "as appropriate" — make recommendations on accountability. □

"Grand Theater": Has N. Korea's Kim won a propaganda coup?

By FOSTER KLUG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

If North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was searching for the perfect propaganda set piece, something designed to show his people that he's a strong leader pushing inexorably for the long-delayed, long-promised prosperity they deserve, then visiting South Korean President Moon Jae-in might be providing him with a unique opportunity during their summit this week.

Moon believes that his deep engagement with North Korea is crucial after last year's fears of war, when Washington reacted with fury to a torrent of ever-more-powerful North Korean weapons tests. He argues that better ties with North Korea will help South Koreans, and the region, by settling the decades-long standoff over the North's pursuit of a nuclear arsenal designed to target the U.S. mainland.

But his engagement push, which includes bringing some of South Korea's most powerful business tycoons to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, strikes some observers as also boosting Kim as he tries to show his citizens that he's pivoting to economic improvement and — crucial yet unspoken — raising his impoverished nation up to South Korea's level, after his claim last year to have complet-



South Korean President Moon Jae-in, left, and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un wave from a car during a parade through a street in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

Associated Press

ed his nuclear arsenal. Throughout the first day of Moon's three-day trip to North Korea, the South Korean leader could be seen grinning broadly as he and Kim enjoyed the ecstatic reception of a Pyongyang that seemed to have been painted, polished and framed until it was the best possible version of itself — on the video that South Korean media traveling with Moon captured and beamed back to Seoul, at least.

Consider one telling scene, not long after Moon's arrival Tuesday, when cameras

caught Kim and his sister, Kim Yo Jong, who acts as her brother's chief propagandist, both maneuvering Moon so that he had the perfect view — and could be perfectly seen on a reviewing stand, Kim by his side — as an honor guard of goose-stepping troops armed with bayonet-tipped rifles marched by. A little later, Moon waded into the crowd of elite North Korean citizens who'd been brought out to welcome him, shaking hands with some and then deeply bowing amid wild cheers. Even the venue for one of

the leaders' meetings — the ruling Workers' Party headquarters, where Moon signed a guestbook near a map depicting a single, undivided Korea — will play well with a delighted North Korean public. The optics of Moon's visit to Pyongyang are "reminiscent of the Chinese emperor receiving tributary missions — with a pan-Korean ethnic nationalistic twist — the Son of Heaven graciously receiving the barbarian envoy, dazzling the visitor with opulence, grace, and power," according to Sung-Yoon Lee,

a Korea expert at Tufts University's Fletcher School.

North Korea, Lee said, portrays all visits by foreign heads of state as reflecting on the "manifold virtues of the Great Leader," and that's especially true of "a Pyongyang pilgrimage by the leader of the illegitimate Korean state" to the south.

Moon's office downplayed worries that North Korea could use his visit as propaganda, saying the enthusiastic welcome for Moon should be "seen just as it is." The images of Moon being led through Pyongyang by Kim will likely be picked over, edited and shown repeatedly on North Korean state TV. Moon's trip will also become a centerpiece of North Korea's propaganda specialists as they promote an ideology of race-based nationalism that describes North and South Korean people as one nation, temporarily divided, according to Nam Sung-wook, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Korea University. The North has repeatedly used this ideology to back its demand that the South split from its alliance with the United States.

"The lavish welcome for Moon will be used to push an image of the Koreas as belonging to a single nation and create detachment between Washington and Seoul," said Nam, a former official in South Korea's spy agency. □



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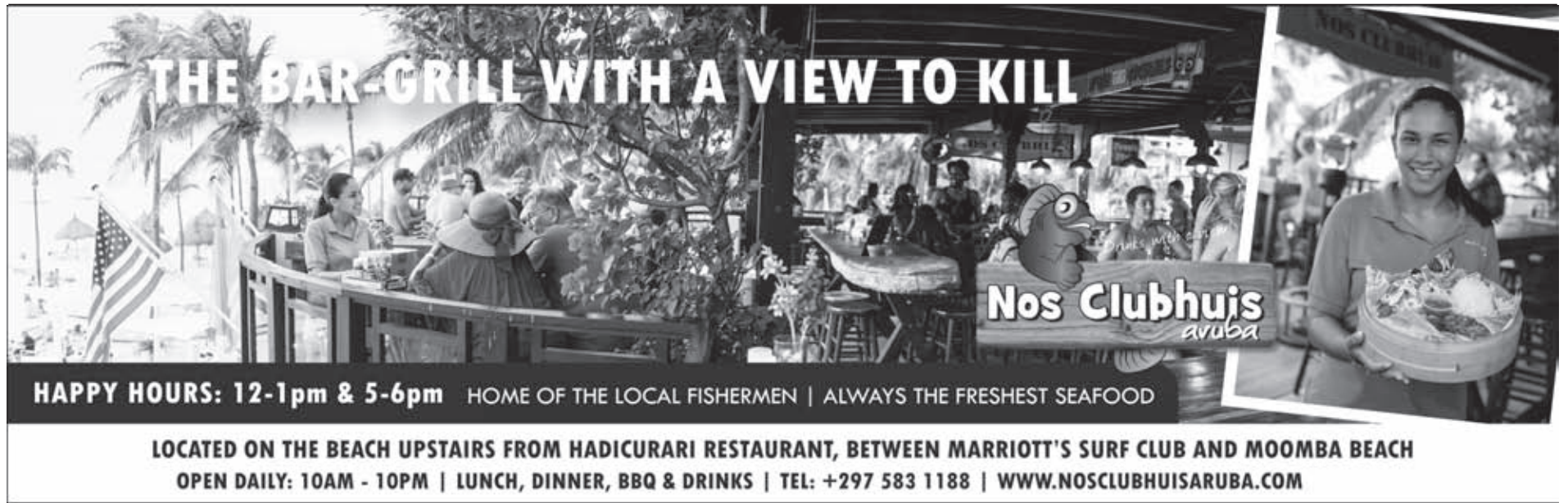
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Damaged buildings, graft haunt Mexico City year after quake

By MARK STEVENSON
PETER ORSI

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Throughout Mexico City, uninhabited buildings with gaping cracks lean at precarious angles and some displaced people are still living outdoors a year after a magnitude 7.1 earthquake killed 228 people in the capital and 141 more in nearby states.

Bureaucracy and physical and legal hurdles have delayed demolition of hundreds of tottering structures. In other cases owners carried out repairs that were purely cosmetic — masking damage that is likely to be revealed in the next quake. Corruption has continually undermined attempts to enforce building codes.

Tearing down buildings in a metropolis of 21 million is a daunting task. "It has to be done surgically, almost brick by brick," noted Ruben Echeverria, spokesman for the northern borough of Gustavo A. Madero. But the slow pace of demolition, let alone rebuilding, is frustrating both to those who lost their homes and to those left living amid shattered eyesores that look like they could collapse at any time onto sidewalks and streets still cordoned off after the Sept. 19, 2017, quake.

Of about 411 buildings marked for demolition, only 62 have been taken down, and almost 1,000 more that were seriously damaged have yet to be reinforced. On a recent morning, a handful of people returned to the six-story beige- and salmon-color apartment



In this Sept. 17, 2018 photo, workers demolish a government office building which was catastrophically damaged in last year's 7.1 magnitude quake, in central Mexico City.

Associated Press

building across from a park in the trendy Condesa neighborhood that they had called home until the quake punched yawning holes into the masonry and left it listing to one side. They had just gotten word that it was finally going to be torn down, and civil defense workers took them inside one-by-one to rescue belongings — small furniture, pictures, tax documents, water-stained pillows — trapped inside during the nearly 12 months when nobody was allowed to enter. "Seeing it like this, in ruins, it hurts. ... Basically if you walk through certain parts of the Condesa, what there is, is ruins," said Mila Molints, a yoga teacher and voice-over artist who was a partner in a tea shop on the ground floor. "And I think

that's very sad, that there are still these holes like monuments to the earthquake."

Molints said the delay has taken a toll on residents' confidence in local authorities.

"In the end, I think the government's function is to protect its citizens," she said. "But I think it would be better for the government to take charge of these situations, or at least pay attention."

That seems a tall order: It wasn't until three months after the quake that the city government passed rules prohibiting the same engineer or architect from signing off on the safety of a building that he or she designs. The quake placed in doubt the city's reliance on self-policing — develop-

ers hire the regulatory experts who certify the safety of the buildings they put up. An investigation by the civic group Mexicans Against Corruption revealed one case in which a structural engineer approved the designs of three buildings that collapsed, killing dozens of people. The same engineer had his license renewed and was even consulted on regulatory changes and building reinforcement after the quake.

Other, equally chilling cases were uncovered: — A heavy steel billboard atop one apartment building had been ruled illegal by authorities since 2010, but was never taken down. Experts say its weight probably contributed to the collapse of the building, where 11 people died.

— An office building where 49 people died had been deemed so unsafe by government experts that a government agency was warned not to rent offices there in 1997. Nothing was ever done to force the owners to correct the building's problems — it was leaning considerably — nor were other prospective tenants informed.

Nobody has been successfully prosecuted for building collapses, even though experts found evidence of deficient construction in several cases where builders submitted false paperwork, used cheap materials or simply built atop older, unstable structures.

Nor has a single apartment building been reconstructed. What authorities have managed to erect is a daunting bureaucratic pyramid of paperwork for victims to get their buildings evaluated, repaired, demolished or replaced. Rebeca Moreno, who works with a coalition of civic groups formed after the quake to help victims, said the government "came out with 122 regulations about what had to be done, and the victims couldn't be checking the internet all the time to see what new rules they had to follow to start repairing or rebuilding." "They required that people prove ownership of their properties when it is known that 50 percent of people in Mexico City don't have proof of ownership, they don't have titles," she said, because the cost of registering properties has historically been high. □

LOCAL



Caribbean Sea Jazz festival: A World of Music and More within One Festival

By Linda Reijnders

ORANJESTAD — As a 7-year old boy he caught the jazz-virus while listening to the musicians that played on the concert grounds just outside his house. Erik Urre Eman spent his youth in The Netherlands in the city of Den Hague where concerts were practically played in his back yard. "Out of all concerts I heard I was hooked on the jazz and that special vibe during the North Sea Jazz Festival. When they moved that festival out of my city, Den Hague, I was determined to set up the same concept here. And so I did." Now, 12 years later from the first edition, Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival is THE event to visit. If you are on the island this coming weekend, you simply cannot miss out on this experience. We will tell you why.

Eman is the founder of the festival that nowadays not only brings you pure jazz, it has become a world of music supplemented with art, a food court with 19 restaurants, jamm sessions, three stages and the perfect ambience. The festival grounds are at Renaissance Marketplace where you have it all: outside stages with the ocean on your right and waving palms with lights to create that tropical touch. Inside stage for those who crave for some peaceful listening in an air-conditioned room. A food court to have a zip and a bite and more, more, more. You can easily stroll around and spend your entire evening while indulging in live music of top artists from around the world. Prices for tickets are more than reasonable and you are welcome with the entire family as CSJF offers special prices or youth under 18.

The Program

Friday night the buzz starts and this evening has a Latin touch. Jorge Celedón is a big, big name, a star in his home country Colombia, but also outside. The Latin Grammy Award artist sweeps you off your feet with his performance coming straight from the heart as he sings the folkloric music of vallenato. Here we meet the parallel; Celedón was also enchanted as a 7-year old boy just like Eman- in this case not with jazz but with vallenato. An all-female orchestra, founded in Havan, Cuba, will take your rhythm to the next level. Anacaona is a sensation, come and see! Contemporary jazz musician Eric Essix is for sure touching your heart with his music and connecting to the festival's roots, jazz. The core of Old Havana is all about music and culture, symbolized by the Habana Vieja All Stars group, music coming from the bones. The Rincon Boyz are originally from Bonaire but they reside in Aruba and form the local touch this evening.

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Erik Eman





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Saturday

The second and last night is another cup of tea. You cannot compare and both nights are of top quality musicians performing, but the vibe will surprise you. Sister Sledge ft. Kathy Sledge, Di-rect, Yellowjackets, Eric darius & Althea Rene, Di Mongo, Delbert Bernabela, Robert Pablo Trio, Tribute to Sade, Cosy Cotton Band and Rebel Rockers are on the three stages and yes, all in one night. A recipe for joy as there will always be a performance that is to your liking. Diversity is the golden key here.

During the festival there is plenty of opportunity to absorb some creativity and culinary treats as well. The Art Expo will offer you works from local artists, realistic paintings and abstract photos while the Arts & Crafts Market has hand-made sculptures and handicrafts on the shelf which make that unique souvenir for you to take home.

Connecting Culture

Talking about diversity, Aruba Today asks Eman if after all these successful years he managed to keep in that special feeling he had during the jazz concerts he heard as a 7-year old boy. "Yes, for sure we do. There are festivals that grew and grew and commerce took over from the spirit, but with Caribbean Sea Jazz festival I can proudly state that we still have that intimate, open-minded and welcome-to-all feeling. This is for music lovers and thus for everybody!" The festival is Eman's business, but he could never do it without a social base. "My drive is to connect. Music lovers to art lovers to children to community. Creativity binds and I strive for one big connection during this festival. Than we create this uplifted feeling of real joy!" □

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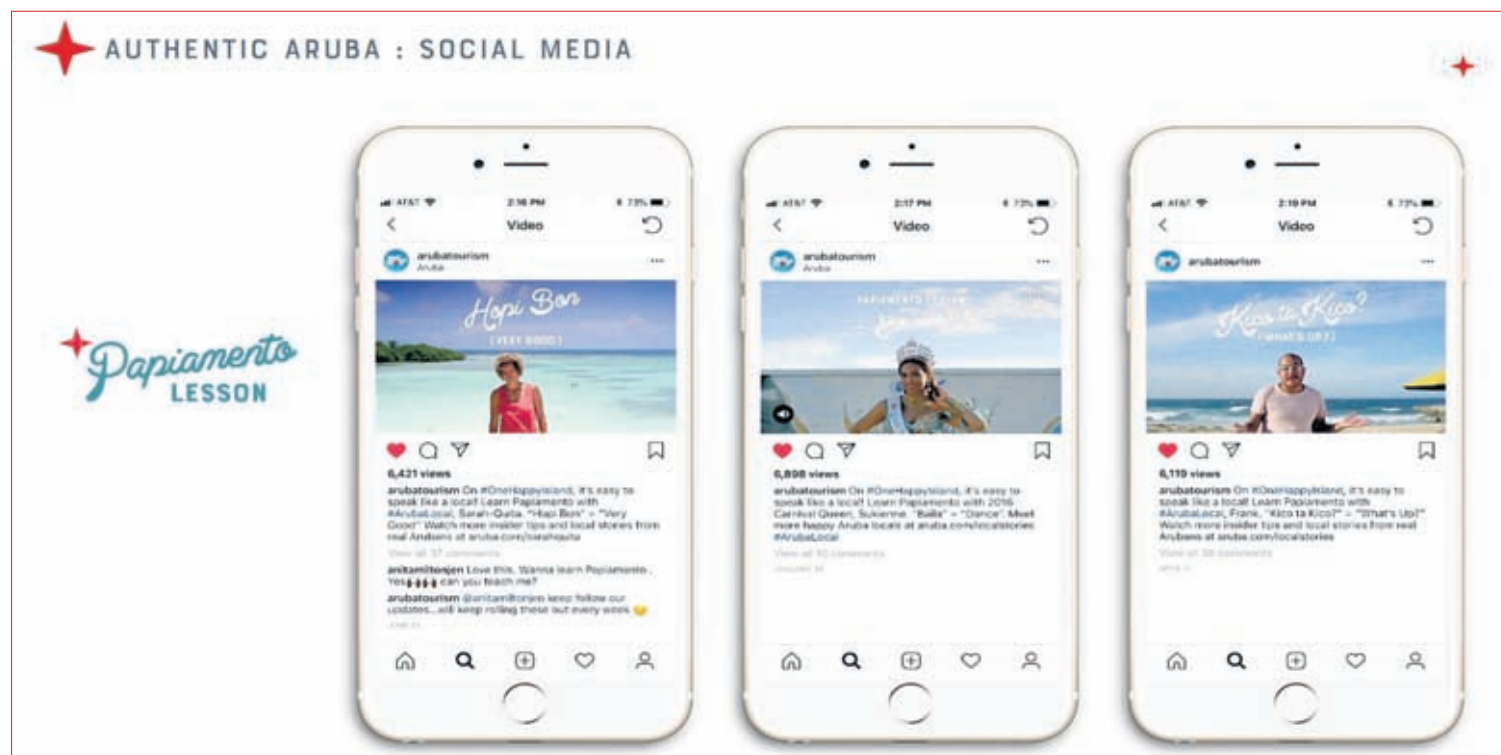
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Darline together with Mislady Fingal of the Caribbean Palm Village presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □



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is the result of a team work between the Aruba Tourism Authority and the associated offices in the area of marketing. Besides the executives of Aruba Tourism Authority the team also consists of professionals from The Concept Farm, The Zimmerman Group, Ansira and Usim who are continuously studying the marketing world, analyzing

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Aruba won gold in the category of "Overall Destination for Social Media" for the campaign of "Sports Illustrated Swimsuit" and another gold award for "Most Valuable Playa" in

the category for "Caribbean Beaches" produced by The Zimmerman Group and The Concept Farm respectively.

The silver award was won by the new campaign called "Authentic Aruba" by the Concept Farm which also won in the category of "Advertising Campaign in Overall Destination" and also in "Caribbean Family Destination". Additionally the initiative of "One Happy Island of Aruba" directed by The Zimmerman Group received a prize in the category of "Caribbean Beaches". These are big victories that show that we are not only leaders in the Caribbean but also categories open for all regions.

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A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 19

Yom Kippur

- Chabad to commemorate lost loved ones. Rabbi Blasberg will lead Yizkor at Chabad.
- From 12 PM
- Chabad Jewish Center of Aruba, Noord
- For more info www.jewisharuba.com



Thursday 20

Barefoot Beach BBQ

- If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed. Join us for the Barefoot Beach BBQ on the Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach! A delicious BBQ made to order will be prepared for you accompanied by a build your own salad station, your choice of marinate, side dishes and a decadent dessert station. Have some Family Fun around the grill with live music and a Beach Bar ready to serve you. Reservation is not required. Just walk-in and let's have some fun!
- From 6 PM till 10 PM
- Renaissance Ocean Suites
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



Friday 21

Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2018

- CSJF is a two day event with 4 stages, a spectacular foodcourt and a cool Art Gallery. A beautiful mix of Jazz, Soul and Latin will take over our stages. This year's line-up features big names such as: Sister Sledge ft. Kathy Sledge, Jorge Celedón, DI-RECT and Yellowjackets
- From 7 PM
- Renaissance Festival Plaza
- Facebook Caribbean Sea Jazz



Movie Night at the Park

- Come and enjoy a lovely night under the Aruban skies and watch movies with the whole family. This night you will learn more about jungles and desserts.
- From 7:30 PM till 9:30 PM
- Arikok National Park
- Facebook Arubaanse Kunstkring

Sunday 23

Ride, Walk & Run for the Roses 2018

- It's a tradition for more than 8 years now. Walk, Run, Exercise, have fun and at the same time spent some quality time with the whole family and all for a good cause.
- From 5:30 AM till 10 AM
- Alhambra Casino
- Facebook Koningin Wilhelmina Fonds Aruba



Monday 24

Joy of Aruba

- Joy of Aruba is performed at the Divi Divi Hotel by the Popcorn Dancers, one of Aruba's best Youth Dance Group. The performers will be presenting the most popular folkloric & modern music and dance of the island of Aruba. The Popcorn Dancers are determined to bring pleasure for your eyes, ears, heart & soul
- From 9 PM till 10 PM
- Divi & Tamarijn Aruba
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- Facebook Popcorn Club & Dancers aruba



Tuesday 25

Sunrise Beach Walk

- Mindful walk on the beach, enjoying the breathtaking sunrise in Aruba, guided by Wellness Specialist Mary-Ann.
- From 6:30 AM till 7:15 AM
- Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort
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SPORTS



Michael Jordan donates \$2M for hurricane relief in NC

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

Michael Jordan grew up playing high school basketball in Wilmington, North Carolina. So when the former NBA star watched the destruction caused by Hurricane Florence to his hometown and surrounding area, he acted quickly to help.

The six-time NBA champion and Charlotte Hornets owner donated \$2 million on Tuesday to assist residents of the Carolinas — \$1 million each to the American Red Cross and the Foundation For The Carolinas' Hurricane Florence Response Fund.

"It just hits home," Jordan told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I know all of those places: Wilmington, Fayetteville, Myrtle Beach, New Bern, and Wallace, which is where my father is from. So quite naturally it hits home, and I felt like I had to act in a sense that this is my home."

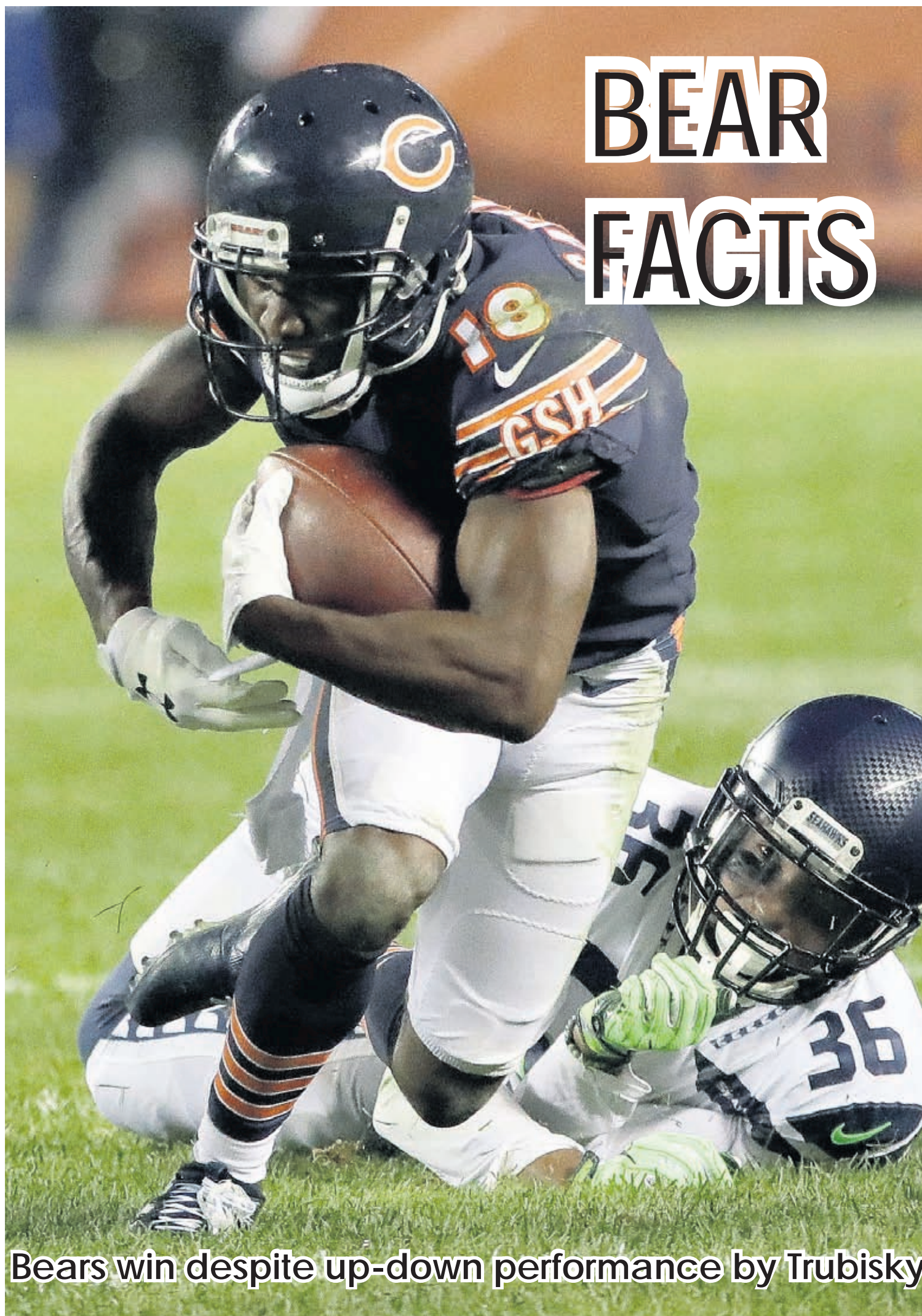
The 55-year-old Jordan said he still has an aunt, cousins and several buddies who live in coastal North Carolina. He also has a nephew who attends UNC Wilmington, which has remains closed while recovering from the damage.

He watched television with extra concern last week when the hurricane pounded the area, causing 34 known deaths — including 26 in North Carolina — and leaving behind damaged homes, power outages and extensive flooding.

Jordan spent the days after trying to get in touch with family and friends to make sure they were safe.

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BEAR FACTS



Bears win despite up-down performance by Trubisky

Chicago Bears wide receiver Taylor Gabriel (18) is tackled by Seattle Seahawks defensive back Akeem King (36) during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Chicago.

FedEx Cup to offer \$15 million to winner next year

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The bonus pool for the PGA Tour postseason doubles next year to \$70 million in a revamped system that gives a head start to top players at the Tour Championship and pays \$15 million to the FedEx Cup champion.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said Tuesday the changes were designed to make the FedEx Cup finale easier for fans to understand and to avoid the potential for separate winners of the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup.

"You take these changes and you combine them with the new and improved schedule, and we think this is a significant step forward," Monahan said.

The changes include a more compact schedule next season that ends Aug. 25, a week before football begins. The top 10 players in the FedEx Cup during the regular season are part of a separate \$10 million bonus program that pays \$2 million to the No. 1 player. The FedEx Cup playoffs are reduced from four events to three, with the winner of the Tour Championship being the FedEx Cup champion.

The Associated Press reported on the format changes for the Tour Championship three weeks ago, and players have been mulling over them.

One of the concerns is essentially handicapping the field for the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake. Instead of everyone starting the first round on the same score, the No. 1 seed starts at 10-under par, with the No. 2 player at 8 under, then 7 under, 6 under and 5 under. The next group of five players are at 4 under, all the way down until the final five players in the 30-man field are at even par.

The winner is determined by his score to par, not his 72-hole score.

"We now have a single leaderboard," said Andy Pazder, the tour's chief of operations. "As play moves on through the week, we're just looking at a score-

board. So every viewer, every spectator and every player on the golf course will know precisely where they stand at any moment." Under the current system that ends this week, points are reset going into the Tour Championship so that all 30 players have a mathematical chance to win the FedEx Cup, and the top five only have to win the tournament to capture the \$10 million bonus.

A year ago, Xander Schauffele won the Tour Championship and Justin Thomas, the runner-up, won the FedEx Cup. It was the second time there were two winners on Sunday. The other was in 2009, when Phil Mickelson won the tournament and Tiger Woods won the FedEx Cup.

Bill Haas at No. 25 had the lowest seed of any FedEx Cup winner when he won in 2011.

Pazder said the tour applied the new model to the previous 11 years and the same player won every FedEx Cup except for 2011.

The tour said there would not be a separate purse for the Tour Championship.

The other big change was the Wyndham Rewards Top 10 program, which pays out \$10 million to the top 10 players in the regular season. Monahan said that might encourage players to enter the final regular-season event, the Wyndham Championship, to try to secure the No. 1 seed or at least improve positions going into the playoffs. This year, Dustin Johnson had the most points in the regular season by 83 points over Thomas.

As for the playoffs, they start with a 125-man field at The Northern Trust, and the top 70 advance to the BMW Championship before the field is trimmed to 30 players for the Tour Championship.

The bottom line is that PGA Tour members are playing for even more money.

The FedEx Cup began in 2007 with a \$35 million bonus pool and four playoff events with \$7 million purses. FedEx last year agreed to a 10-year extension, and



In this Sept. 24, 2017, file photo, Justin Thomas holds the trophy after winning the Fedex Cup after the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta.

the bonus pool for the post-season now is \$60 million (along with \$10 million in bonus money for the regular season).

Monahan said the winner of the FedEx Cup next year would make upward of \$27

million, and he expected comprehensive player earnings to increase 12 percent, or more than \$500 million. The top 10 are expected to average just over \$12 million, and the top 50 players will earn more than

\$5 million in earnings and bonuses.

Still to be determined is how the Official World Golf Ranking will distribute points when the winner might not have the lowest score for the week. □

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Mack, Amukamara lead Bears over Seahawks 24-17

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Khalil Mack once again put on the sort of havoc-wreaking show the Chicago Bears envisioned when they traded for the superstar pass rusher.

Even better for them, they came away with the victory this time.

Mack had one of six sacks against Russell Wilson, Prince Amukamara returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown and the Bears beat the Seattle Seahawks 24-17 Monday night to give coach Matt Nagy his first career victory. Mack sprinted out of the tunnel to a neat ovation prior to his first appearance at Soldier Field since a blockbuster trade from Oakland just over two weeks ago. That deal happened after he held out the entire offseason and preseason seeking a contract extension from the Raiders rather than play under the final year of his rookie contract. Chicago gave him a six-year, \$141 million extension that guarantees \$90 million — the richest deal ever for an NFL defensive player.

Mack also had the crowd roaring with a strip-sack in the first half, smacking the ball out of Wilson's hand as he wound up to pass, and he consistently pressured the quarterback. It was more of the same from last week, when he had a strip-sack and interception return for a TD at Green Bay, except there was one key difference.

The Bears came out on top after blowing a 20-point lead against a hobbled Aaron Rodgers in a loss to the Packers.

"That's a great feeling," Mack said. "We took it over the top." Amukamara



Chicago Bears defensive back Prince Amukamara (20) runs away from Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (3) to the end zone for a touchdown after intercepting a pass during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Chicago. Associated Press

jumped the route on a pass intended for Rashaad Penny near midfield for his first career touchdown, making it 24-10 with 6:37 left. It was his first interception since 2015 with the New York Giants. Danny Trevathan then stripped Wilson with his second sack of the game. The Bears' Leonard Floyd recovered the fumble, and Chicago hung on after blowing a 20-point lead in a season-opening loss to a hobbled Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers. "I'm just really looking forward to the future of this team and seeing how we respond not only to tough losses like Green Bay, but how do we respond to a good win for us," said Nagy, who replaced the fired John Fox. "Sometimes those are just as hard."

The Seahawks (0-2) lost for

just the second time in nine Monday night games under coach Pete Carroll.

"We're still a work in progress," he said.

WILSON STRUGGLES

Wilson has been sacked six times in each game this season. With the Bears applying constant pressure and his receivers struggling to get open, the four-time Pro Bowl quarterback completed 22 of 36 passes for 226 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. But Wilson focused more on the two TDs Seattle scored in the fourth quarter, though the last one came in the closing seconds.

"The fourth quarter showed us who we are and who we can be. ... I don't think we're far off by any means," he said. "I think the margin of error is really small. I'm normally optimistic, you guys

know, but I really mean that. I think that's the situation we're in."

Chicago's Mitchell Trubisky was 25 of 34 for 200 yards. The No. 2 overall pick in last year's draft, Trubisky threw touchdown passes to Trey Burton on Chicago's first possession and rookie Anthony Miller early in the fourth quarter. But he was also intercepted two times by Shaquill Griffin — on a deep ball that was underthrown and on another throw tipped at the line.

"I'm really proud with how he handled himself from Play 1 until the end of that fourth quarter," Nagy said. "His attitude was great. He didn't worry about anything. And so that's growth right there."

URLACHER HONORED

The Bears presented longtime linebacker Brian Ur-

lacher with his Ring of Excellence for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

KENDRICKS' DEBUT

Linebacker Mychal Kendricks had a sack after signing with Seattle on Friday. Kendricks pleaded guilty last week to insider trading charges in Philadelphia. His sentencing is expected in January.

Kendricks signed a one-year contract with Cleveland in June after playing last year with Super Bowl champion Philadelphia. The Browns released him after the charges were filed.

INJURIES

Bears: RB Tarik Cohen (ankle) and DT Akiem Hicks (knee) walked off gingerly with two minutes left after he was hurt rushing the quarterback. But neither player thought their injury was serious. □



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Hall of Fame members threaten boycott of inductions

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

A group of Pro Football Hall of Famers led by Eric Dickerson is demanding health insurance coverage and a share of NFL revenues or else those former players will boycott the induction ceremonies.

In a letter sent to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith and Hall of Fame President David Baker — and obtained by The Associated Press — 21 Hall of Fame members cited themselves as "integral to the creation of the modern NFL, which in 2017 generated \$14 billion in revenue."

Among the signees were Dickerson, who is listed as chairman of the newly created Hall of Fame Board the group has formed, Jim Brown, Jerry Rice, Joe Namath, Lawrence Taylor, and Sarah White, the widow of Reggie White.

One name on the list of 22 signees including Mrs. White was Carl Eller, but no one by that name has played professional football. Former Vikings defensive end Carl Eller, however, is a Hall of Famer.

"The time has come for us to be treated as part of a game we've given so much to," the letter states. "Until our demands are met, the Hall of Famers will not attend the annual induction ceremony in Canton. It's well known that the NFL is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020, and while we are proud of our role in building this league, we don't believe 100 years of player exploitation is something to celebrate."

The strongly worded letter called out the league for paying Goodell \$40 million, saying "there are better



In this Aug. 2, 2014, file photo, enshrinee Eric Dickerson is introduced during the Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony, in Canton, Ohio.

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uses for that money." It also criticized Smith for his salary and the lack of a former player on the players' association executive board. But there have been two former players on that executive board since 2009.

NFL players have received a pension since the Bert Bell Plan, named after a former league commissioner, was created in 1959. In the 1993 collective bargaining agreement, a 401K plan to which players also could contribute was established, and in 1998 an annuity program.

"There have been significant increases in the pension with every collective bargaining agreement in the history of this sport," said Miki Yaras-Davis, the NFLPA's senior director of benefits.

"The normal retirement age is 55 for former players, and those players can leave in their pension (funds) and at 65 they have almost a 300 percent increase. This is one of the few defined benefit plans left in the country. It's a program which isn't seen much anymore that defines the benefits at a cer-

tain age."

During the 2011 labor dispute and lockout, one of the main issues was establishing a fund for pre-1993 players. In that CBA, a "Legacy Fund" was established, with a \$620 million increase in benefits, with team owners contributing out of their share of revenues for the first time. The union has increased pensions twice for former players since 2011. But the letter calls the Legacy Fund "little more than cynical public relations ploys that fail to help those who desperately need it."

"The total cost for every Hall of Famer to have health insurance is less than \$4 million — less than that of a 30-second Super Bowl ad, or about 3 cents for every \$100 the league generates in revenue," Dickerson's letter states.

"Paying Hall of Famers an annual salary works out to about 40 cents for every \$100 in annual revenue, a figure that will increase dramatically in the near future with legalized gambling."

The disgruntled former players also took aim at the expansion of the Hall of Fame into a village that Baker has estimated will eventually cost \$1 billion. The NFL provides significant funding for the hall, but equally significant costs for the project are funded elsewhere.

Also, the Hall of Fame village plans a player care center called Legend's Landing that provides independent and assisted living for retired hall of famers as well as "members of the NFL's legends community, along with coaches, officials and administrators," according to the Hall of Fame's website. A health care center also is part of the expansion.

The letter's demands cover the 318 members of the Hall of Fame, but says it hopes to create "a template for active players in the next round of (labor) negotiations." Those talks would come in 2021 when the current CBA expires.

Other Hall of Famers listed on the letter:

Marcus Allen, Mel Blount, Derrick Brooks, Earl Campbell, Richard Dent, Marshall Faulk, Mike Haynes, Rickey Jackson, Ronnie Lott, Curtis Martin, John Randle, Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith, Jackie Smith and Kurt Warner. □



Yelich propels Brewers with 2nd cycle in 3 weeks vs Reds

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Christian Yelich became the first major leaguer to hit for the cycle twice in one season against the same team, driving in four runs to lead the Milwaukee Brewers over the Cincinnati Reds 8-0 on Monday night.

Less than three weeks after his cycle in Cincinnati, the streaking slugger accomplished the feat against the last-place Reds once again to help the Brewers in their playoff pursuit. Milwaukee stayed 2½ games behind the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central and maintained a three-game lead in the wild-card race. Yelich singled in the first inning, doubled in the second, launched a two-run homer in the fifth and completed the cycle with a two-run triple in the sixth. With the Brewers nursing a large lead, he was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the eighth. Yelich's huge second half has turned him into a top contender for the NL MVP award. He also hit for the



Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich is congratulated by teammates in the dugout after hitting a two-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Milwaukee.

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cycle when he went 6 for 6 in a 13-12 comeback victory on Aug. 29 at Cincinnati, making him the fifth player to turn the trick twice in one season — and first in Brewers history.

The previous player with two cycles in one season was Aaron Hill for Arizona in 2012.

Wade Miley (5-2) labored through five innings and Brandon Woodruff got his

first save.

Anthony DeSclafani (7-6) gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings.

DODGERS 8, ROCKIES 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Joc Pederson hit two homers, Max Muncy added a three-run shot and Los Angeles moved back into first place in the NL West with a victory over Colorado.

It was a rough night all-around for the Rockies,

who lost slugging shortstop Trevor Story in the fourth inning with an elbow injury. More tests were scheduled for Tuesday. Dodgers starter Hyun-Jin Ryu (5-3) pitched seven scoreless innings, throwing 93 pitches to match a season high. He lowered his ERA to 2.21 over seven starts since returning from a strained left groin. The Rockies entered this showdown series with a half-game lead on Los Angeles, but the teams switched places. Colorado not only dropped out of first place in the division but fell a half-game behind the Cardinals for the second NL wild card.

Pederson hit a leadoff homer and a two-run shot. Jon Gray (11-8) went two-plus innings, giving up six runs and seven hits.

CUBS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1 PHOENIX (AP) — Kyle Hendricks took a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning and Chicago stifled Arizona in the opener of their important three-game series.

Hendricks (12-11) struck out eight and walked one. A.J. Pollock hit a leadoff homer against Hendricks in the ninth and Paul Goldschmidt added a two-out single before Justin Wilson completed the three-hitter. Javier Baez homered in a three-run sixth that broke open a pitchers' duel between Hendricks and Patrick Corbin (11-6).

Kris Bryant also homered, and the Cubs maintained their 2½-game lead in the NL Central over Milwaukee. The Diamondbacks are five games behind the first-place Dodgers in the NL West. Arizona has lost three straight and eight of 10 to fall five games out of the second wild card as well.

CARDINALS 11, BRAVES 6

ATLANTA (AP) — Kolten Wong hit the first of four St. Louis homers, Miles Mikolas won his third consecutive start and the Cardinals beat the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves to give their playoff push another boost. □



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano connects for a three-run double during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie pinch-hitter Daniel Vogelbach's first career grand slam with two outs in the eighth inning lifted Seattle over Houston.

The loss trimmed Houston's lead in the AL West to four games over idle Oakland with 12 to play.

The Mariners trailed 1-0 when Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager singled off Hector Rondon (2-5) in the eighth. Rondon walked pinch-hitter Denard Span to load bases before Vogelbach

sent a 97 mph fastball into the bullpen in right-center. Marwin Gonzalez had an RBI double for the Astros in the fourth. But they mustered just three hits, with the last one coming in the fifth. Ryan Cook (2-1) worked a perfect seventh, and Edwin Diaz pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 56th save.

BLUE JAYS 5, ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore lost its 107th game, tied for most in a season since its arrival in 1954.

Cano hits 3-run 2B, lifts Mariners over Angels 6-5

Toronto rookie Ryan Borucki (4-4) pitched eight innings of three-hit ball. The Blue Jays have won 13 of 17 games between the two bottom teams in the AL East.

Toronto stands 25 games better than the Orioles, whose 43-107 record is worst in the majors. The only other Orioles team with 107 defeats was the 1988 club, which started 0-21 on its way to a 54-107 finish.

The franchise record for losses is 111, by the 1939 St. Louis Browns. After going 54-100 in 1953, the Browns moved to Baltimore. The major league record is 120 losses, set by the expansion New York Mets in 1962.

Making his first major league start, Evan Phillips (0-1) retired the first five batters he faced before Kevin Pillar doubled, Rowdy Tellez hit an RBI single and Danny Jansen homered to left.

RAYS 3, RANGERS 0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Tyler Glasnow allowed two infield singles in six innings for his first win since Tampa Bay traded Chris Archer to get the right-hander.

Ji-Man Choi homered and drove in two runs to help the Rays improve to a major league-best 21-5 since Aug. 19. Tampa Bay is 6½ games behind Oakland for the second American League wild card.

Adam Kolarek, Jose Alvarado and Sergio Romo pitched a scoreless inning apiece to wrap up the second two-hit shutout of the Rangers in a week. Romo got his 22nd save in 29 chances.

Glasnow (2-6) got his fourth career win in 26 starts over two seasons. He struck out six, walked two and hit a batter.

Adrian Sampson (0-2) gave up two runs and six hits in 5

2/3 innings.

TWINS 6, TIGERS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Kohl Stewart pitched six solid innings and Eddie Rosario homered for Minnesota before leaving with an injury in a victory over Detroit.

Gabriel Moya pitched the opening inning for the Twins before Stewart (2-1) took over and worked through the seventh. He allowed an unearned run and three hits with five strikeouts.

Rosario hit a solo shot in the first, his 24th home run of the year. He left in the fourth after aggravating a right quad injury on the play that gave the Tigers their only run of the game. Jorge Polanco added a solo homer of his own in the ninth.

Jordan Zimmermann (7-8) allowed five runs in 3 2/3 innings. Nicholas Castellanos had three hits and a walk for Detroit. □

Rangers win in David Quinn's preseason debut as coach

By The Associated Press

Neal Pionk scored 1:20 into overtime to lift the New York Rangers to a 4-3 victory over a New Jersey Devils split-squad, giving David Quinn a win in his preseason coaching debut Monday night.

Pionk's goal was the only time the Rangers led in the game. Lias Andersson had two goals and Pavel Buchnevich also scored for visiting New York.

The Rangers hired Quinn from Boston University to be the 35th head coach in franchise history on May 23. Alexandar Georgiev made 16 saves on 18 shots for being replaced by Marek Mazanec, who made eight saves.

Nick Lappin scored twice for the Devils, and John Quenneville chipped had a goal. Keith Kinkaid made 14 saves in the first two periods, and Cameron Johnson stopped 10 of 12 shots in the third period and overtime.

SABRES 4, BLUE JACKETS 1
In Columbus, Ohio, Linus Ullmark and Jonas Johansson combined to make 36 saves to lead the Buffalo Sabres past the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Ullmark made 20 saves on 21 shots in the first 40 minutes, and Johansson stopped 16 shots in his period of work.



New York Rangers defenseman Neal Pionk (44) passes the puck as New Jersey Devils' Nick Lappin defends during the second period of an NHL hockey game Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, in Newark, N.J.

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Patrik Berglund, Nathan Beaulieu and Kyle Criscuolo scored in the second period for Buffalo, and Andrew Oglevie added a goal in the third.

David Savard scored Columbus' lone goal.

Brad Thiessen allowed all four Buffalo goals on 13 shots, while Matiss Kivlenieks made seven saves.

PREDATORS 5 (ss), Panthers 0 (ss), 1st game;
PREDATORS (ss) 5, Panthers (ss) 0, 2nd game.

In Sunrise, Florida, Juuse

Saros and Tom McCollum combined for a shutout for Nashville in the teams' first split-squad game.

Saros, who started the game, made 20 saves in the first two periods. McCollum stopped all three shots he faced in the third. Calle Jarnkrok's first period goal was the winner. P.K. Subban scored in the second period, and Rocco Grimaldi, Filip Pyrochta and Frederick Gaudreau scored in the third.

Michael Hutchinson played

the entire game in goal for Florida, and allowed all five Nashville goals on 31 shots. Filip Forsberg had a hat trick and added an assist to lead the Predators to a 5-3 win in the second game. Ryan Johansen and Kevin Fiala also scored for the Predators.

Pekka Rinne made 12 saves on 13 shots, and Troy Grosenick added 11 saves. Nick Bjugstad, Jacob MacDonald and Patrick Bajkov scored for Florida.

Panthers goaltender James

Reimer made 16 saves, and Sam Montembeault stopped seven of eight shots.

FLYERS 3, ISLANDERS 1

In Philadelphia, Shayne Gostisbehere scored twice to spark the Flyers past the New York Islanders.

Mikhail Vorobov also scored for Philadelphia.

Flyers starter Michal Neuvirth made eight saves in his half of the game before being replaced by Carter Hart, who stopped all 11 shots he faced.

Mike Sislo scored New York's lone goal.

Thomas Greiss allowed all three Philadelphia goals on 13 shots. Jeremy Smith made seven saves.

JETS 2, WILD 1

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, defenseman Joe Morrow scored with 8:15 remaining in the third period to lift the Jets.

Morrow's shot appeared to go under Wild goalie Andrew Hammond and bounce out off the post, but it was signaled a goal.

Jets forward Marko Dano scored Winnipeg's opening goal late in the first period, while ex-Jets forward Matt Hendricks tied it up early in the third. The game was a battle of the backup goalies as the Jets sat starter Connor Hellebuyck and Minnesota did likewise with Devan Dubnyk. □

MICHAEL JORDAN

Continued from Page 18

He was relieved upon learning they were uninjured.

"At the end of the day, it makes you think about the path that you have taken, and where your life has taken you," Jordan said. "And I just feel like, well, maybe if I can help in some sort of way all of the people, and all of the places, that have helped me along the road." Jordan said it's fulfilling to have the resources to help.

"I have been one of the lucky ones to move on and build an unbelievable career," said Jordan, who played college basketball at North Carolina. "It just makes it a little more special when you can actually help out an area you know very, very well."

Jordan plans to visit the area at some point when the roads are safe to travel and check up on family and friends.

In addition to the donation, more than 100 members of the Hornets organization will help pack disaster food boxes Friday at Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. The disaster food boxes, which provide individual meals, will be shipped to Wilmington, Fayetteville and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and distributed to those directly impacted by the hurricane. The goal is to deliver 5,000 food boxes.

The Hornets Foundation also will make a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Food Lion, the

team's Official Hunger Relief Partner, will be donating the food packed for the boxes.

Additionally, Hornets and NBA merchandising partner Fanatics has designed a special T-shirt featuring the Hornets logo in the middle of the states of North and South Carolina surrounded by the words "Carolina Strong." The NBA, the Hornets and Fanatics will donate 100 percent of the net proceeds to the Foundation For The Carolinas' Hurricane Florence Response Fund. The T-shirts are now available online at NBAstore.com, Fanatics.com and HornetsFanShop.com for \$24.99.

"We reached out to try to find as many partners who are willing to sacrifice and



In this March 4, 2017, file photo, former North Carolina basketball player Michael Jordan applauds during a half-time presentation at an NCAA college basketball game between North Carolina and Duke in Chapel Hill, N.C.

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give to this cause," Jordan said. "The Red Cross will deal with the immediate food and shelter and the Foundation For The Caroli-

nas will deal more with the long-term assistance. This is not a short-term thing. This is going to be a process, but it is going to take time." □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

In the past they would kill the messenger who delivered news that king did not want to hear. Tough job, fortunately, this doesn't happen today. Or does it? With the declaration of helping patients, doctors try to eliminate your body signs (messages) with drugs. When consulting an allopathic doctor the first thing investigated is to see if you have a disease. If not, they may test your blood and identify values that they think will cause a disease. With higher than normal cholesterol numbers, cholesterol lowering drugs are frequently prescribed. Is this the best thing to do? Could it be that the remedy may be worse than the disease?

Cholesterol lowering drugs, known as statins are proving to be killers. Documents indicate some senior executives of German pharmaceutical maker Bayer, knew its anti-cholesterol drug Baycol was causing illness and death long before pulling it off the market. It produces a side effect called rhabdomyolysis which causes severe pain and muscle weakness. Serious cases can shut down the kidneys and cause paralysis or death. During other drug studies, test patients have committed suicide. In fact, suicide

is a stated possible risk from taking cholesterol lowering medicine. Why? Lipoproteins, which are attached to cholesterol, provide a means by which toxins including, heavy metals, solvent toxins, pesticides, and petro-chemicals can be removed from your brain and nerves. As cholesterol falls, less lipoproteins are available lowering your body's ability to remove these poisons.

For natural physicians, cholesterol is not bad. Hydroxy sterols are found in both animal and plant life. Cholesterol, a complicated form of alcohol is the main sterol of higher life forms. With the exception of brain and red blood cells, all cells in your body are capable of synthesizing or producing cholesterol. Cholesterol provides strength for cell walls; a way to use other sterols and every day, cholesterol is converted into bile acid, which helps protect from and dissolve gall stones.

In your blood stream cholesterol contains lipoproteins. These proteins carry antioxidants such as vitamin E, beta carotene, and CoQ10 that help protect you from cancer. When cholesterol is naturally low or forced low with drugs, cancer risks rises because protection is reduced.

When a clinical nutritionist sees a high test value for cholesterol we look to see what caused your body to increase cholesterol to help protect your brain and nerves. If fat-soluble poisons are present, changing what you do or don't eat can help remove these "bad fats." With the poison gone, cells stop making excess cholesterol for protection.

So what don't we eat? Don't eat sugar, especially alcohol or any of the growing number of products with high fructose corn syrup. Stop all fried, salty, refined or processed foods, fatty dairy products or fatty meats. When we tell patients this, many tell us we have just eliminated everything they eat. In fact we have just described the Standard American or Aruban Diet (SAD).

Ok, what do we eat? Fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats, but not pork, whole grains like brown rice oats or quinoa, a Peruvian supergrain. Wheat is not the best choice for many people because of allergies and gluten intolerance. Fish that swim constantly in deep water are loaded with "good" HDL cholesterol which is needed to manufacture some very wonderful hormones, like sex hormones. Medicinal oils packed with HDL include: olive, evening primrose, black currant, flax, safflower and soy.

Herbs that lower LDL/triglycerides (bad cholesterol) are Shiitake mushrooms, cayenne, ginger, cat's claw, garlic and turmeric.

"Good cholesterol" producing foods which include essential fatty acids (EFA) rich in Omega 3, 6 and 9 in the correct proportions have changed with modern diets. Most of us are not getting enough Omega 3's and some of us are not getting enough of omega 3 and 6. Supplementing with Flax oil or Omega fish oils is more important than ever. Lecithin is good oil I consider a basic, especially for protecting the brain. Make sure you only use fish oils certified to be free of toxins like Mercury.

Eat smaller meals, especially before bed. While you sleep, the stomach also sleeps and food does not digest properly. Want to get all this under control quickly? Eat only brown rice for three weeks. Nothing else! Include lots of water and moderate exercise. It's always best to do a cleansing diet like this with the supervision of a clinical nutritionist.

Get the point! Not all cholesterol is bad. Cholesterol lowering drugs and their known side effects are not the only choice. We need good cholesterol to protect our brains and nerves. Changes in diet and lifestyle can naturally help control not only "bad" cholesterol, but you might find improvement with symptoms of high blood pressure, arthritis, and diabetes. Call us for a full evaluation of the good and the bad of your health. Let us teach you how to turn the "ugly" into "beautiful!" □

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5 ways Trump's tariffs on \$200B in China goods could be felt

By JOSH BOAK

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — By imposing taxes on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese goods, President Donald Trump has intensified a battle of wills between the world's two largest economies — and the outcome is far from certain.

No one knows how long the tariffs announced Monday might last. No one knows if Beijing will yield as pressure builds or instead stiffen its resolve and keep retaliating. No one knows if a politically divided United States will serve to undercut Trump's aggressive tactics.

But what's clear is that the latest fight in the escalating trade war is likely, one way or another, to affect consumers, companies, markets, the economy and the political landscape.

And how all that plays out could determine whether Trump's negotiating gamble proves a triumph or a failure. Here is a look at 5 potential consequences:

CONSUMERS

Unlike the first two rounds of tariffs totaling \$50 billion, the new taxes launched by Trump would more directly hit American consumers. As counterintuitive as it might seem, the president sees this fact as ultimately helping U.S. workers. In the end, he calculates, some short-term pain will lead to new trade policies and accords that will prove more favorable to American companies and individuals.

"As president, it is my duty to protect the interests of working men and women, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and our country itself," Trump said in a statement. Starting Monday, the United States is to begin charging a 10 percent tax on thousands of Chinese imports — tires, windshield wipers, baseball gloves, bicycles, snakeskin pants, backpacks, trombone cases, refrigerators and wooden furniture, among others. The list runs 194 pages.

Unless the administration reaches a truce with Beijing, Trump's import tax will jump to 25 percent in 2019.



In this Sept. 13, 2018, photo, a container ship sails past the city skyline of Qingdao in eastern China's Shandong province.

Associated Press

What's more, if Beijing retaliates, Trump says he's ready to impose tariffs on an additional \$267 billion in Chinese goods.

The result could be higher prices for American consumers, because most companies are expected to pass on the cost to their customers. After Trump announced tariffs on washing machines toward the start of 2018, the price for laundry equipment shot up 16 percent between February and May, according to an analysis by Mark Perry, an economics professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

The tariffs could put a dent in consumer spending, though many economists think the impact on the overall economy will be minimal.

"The mere talk of tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports is of serious concern to retailers since tariffs of that magnitude would touch every aspect of American life," said Matthew Shay, chief executive of the National Retail Federation, a trade group for retailers.

COMPANIES

Many companies have warned that Trump's tariffs threaten to disrupt their businesses and depress their revenue.

The monthly manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management noted that some companies have expressed concern about tariffs despite an otherwise robust U.S. economy. One food and beverage firm in the ISM survey said, "Suppliers appear to be bracing us for cost increases, given increased talk of tariffs and inflation." Trump's tariffs, with their uncertain duration, make it difficult for companies to plan for the future. Ted Murphy, a trade lawyer and a partner at Baker McKenzie, said the president is signaling that many companies will need to rethink their operations.

No longer can they ignore tariffs, which were low and mostly headed lower before Trump took office. They now need to rethink the supply chains they've built across countries and calculate where best to deploy workers.

"They're definitely going to

move jobs," Murphy said. "What Trump is doing is increasing the cost, and he's introducing uncertainty into trade relations. Businesses can deal with costs. It's the uncertainty they can't deal with."

FINANCIAL MARKETS

So far, at least, the stock market has taken the threats of tariffs in stride. Share prices have dipped, only to then resume their growth, in part because of deep corporate tax cuts that took effect this year and a solid U.S. economy in its 10th straight year of expansion.

But the new round of tariffs risks triggering a more alarming response by investors. The additional taxes suggest that the two countries are struggling to make progress in settling their differences. The issues include Chinese companies' theft of U.S. intellectual property and a widening trade gap as U.S. consumers have be-

come more dependent on comparatively cheap Chinese imports.

"It's definitely a setback for the market that they can't seem to get to the table," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

Kinahan said technology companies seem especially vulnerable to retaliation from Beijing, which could include tariffs on components as well as restrictions on access to websites and services.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

A prolonged trade war between the United States, the world's largest economy, and China, the second-largest, would ripple through the rest of the globe, potentially affecting economies from Buenos Aires to Istanbul.

Tariffs could translate into less trade, which could hinder growth in smaller nations. The U.S. dollar has already begun to rise in value as trade tensions have mounted. This has insulated the United States from higher prices.

But the higher-valued dollar has also diminished the value of the Turkish lira and the Argentine peso, among others. This trend has weighed heavily on their economies. In the meantime, the value of the Chinese yuan has dropped relative to the dollar, making it easier for Beijing to withstand U.S. tariffs. □




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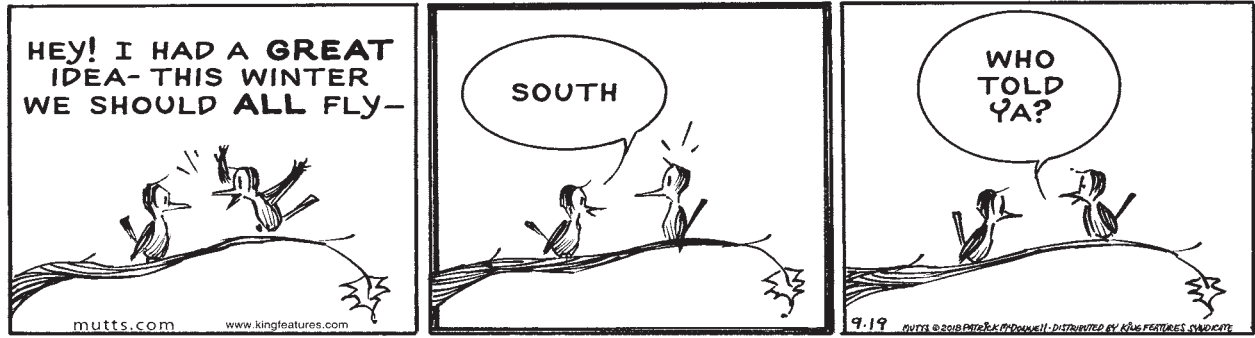
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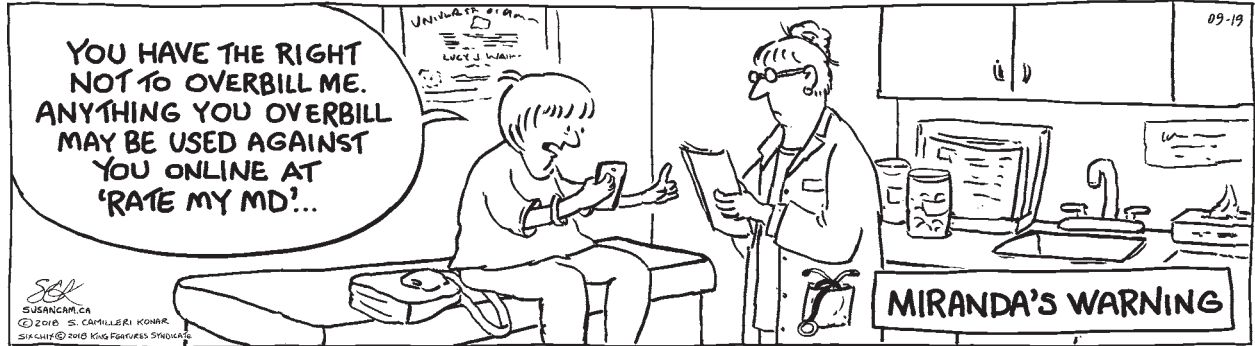
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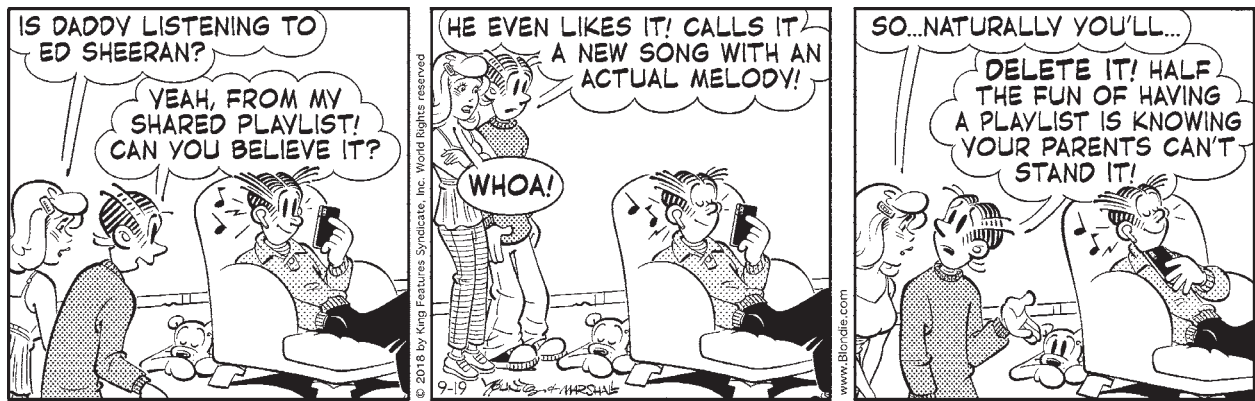
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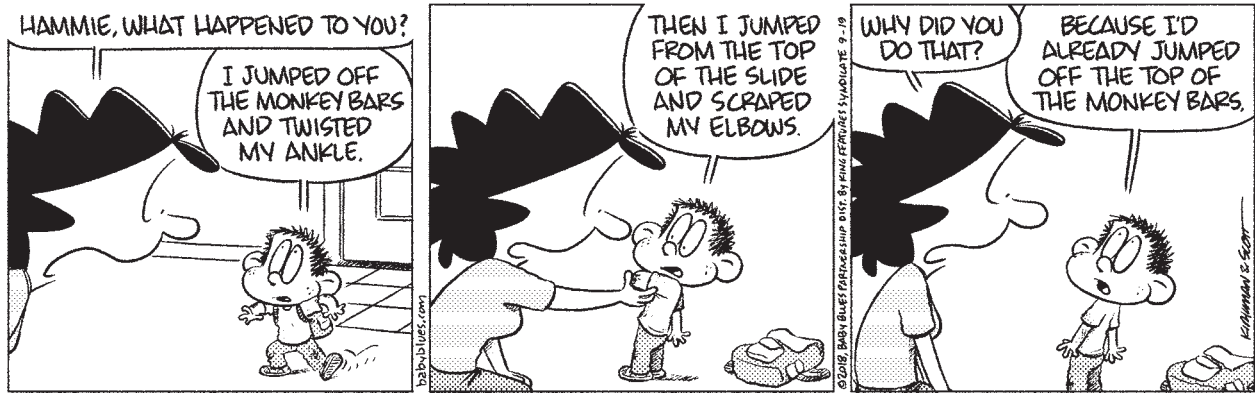
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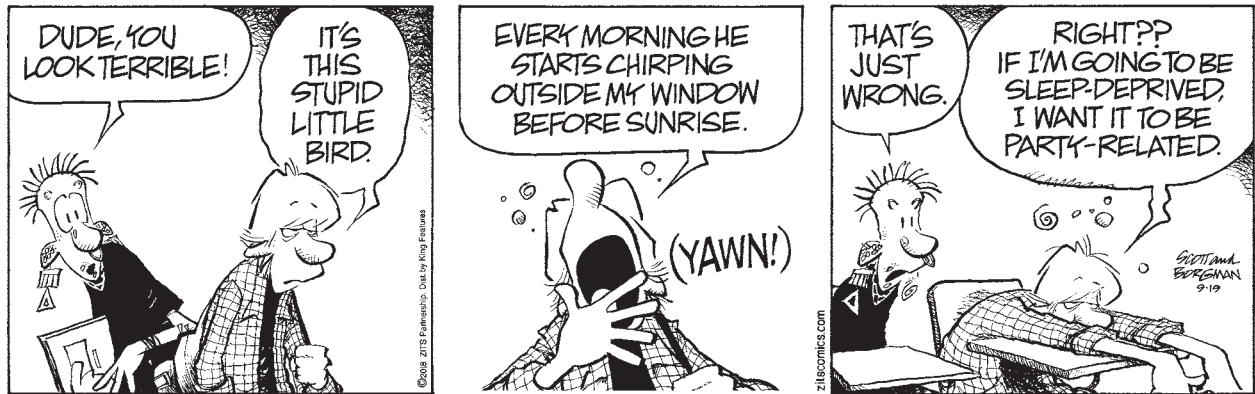
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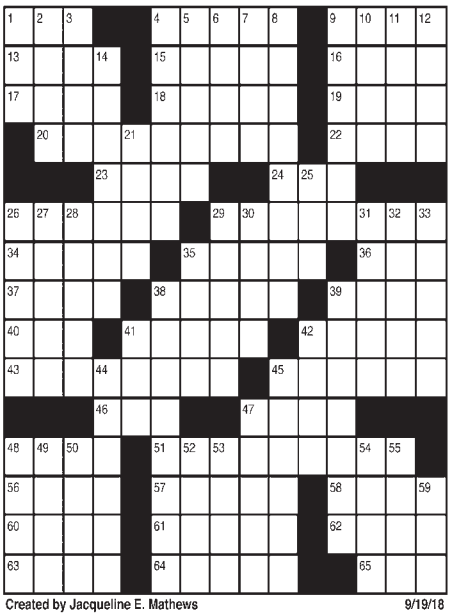
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- 1 Major TV network
 - 4 Decorate
 - 9 ___ and pepper
 - 13 Congers & morays
 - 15 Juliet's love
 - 16 Nose's detection
 - 17 Long heavy piece of timber
 - 18 Mr. Eastwood
 - 19 Rat ___; daily grind
 - 20 Thin pasta
 - 22 "Sesame Street" fan
 - 23 Candy store chain
 - 24 Contented sound
 - 26 Lullaby composer
 - 29 Mild cold
 - 34 Irritates
 - 35 Halo wearer
 - 36 Inventor Whitney
 - 37 Ardent
 - 38 Cake topping
 - 39 Obstacle
 - 40 Small amount
 - 41 No longer fresh
 - 42 Side-to-side measurement
 - 43 Raincoats
 - 45 Smooches
 - 46 Breather's need
 - 47 Pain in the neck
 - 48 Fail to keep a secret
 - 51 Arrest; capture
 - 56 Jellystone Park bear
 - 57 Dutch flower
 - 58 McClanahan & others
 - 60 Ajar
 - 61 Eat away at
 - 62 Clothing fastener
 - 63 Cots and cribs
 - 64 Septic tank alternative
 - 65 ___ as a fox



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BOO	TOES	TOEYE
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PLEASE	SELECT	
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	STRUCK	FREEZE
	ELK	CLANS
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FLAT	OUTON	GLIB
TYKE	MEANT	METS

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- 3 Applaud
- 4 Fallen ___; foot problem
- 5 ___ out; distributes
- 6 Fail to include
- 7 Monthly payment
- 8 Catching sight of
- 9 In a way
- 10 "___ in the Life"; Beatles song
- 11 ___ horns; come into conflict
- 12 Spruce or sycamore
- 14 Intoxicated
- 21 Jewels
- 25 Many a time
- 26 Pitt and Garrett
- 27 Competitor
- 28 Excuse
- 29 Jib & spinnaker
- 30 Midmorning
- 31 Gives to a borrower
- 32 Gladden
- 33 Exhales audibly
- 35 Sign of an old wound
- 38 Repeats
- 39 Meg, Jo & Beth, to Amy
- 41 Enjoy a winter sport
- 42 "When You ___ Upon a Star"
- 44 Forest homes
- 45 Item worth saving
- 47 Haughtiness
- 48 Letters on an invitation
- 49 Easy gait
- 50 Like fine wine
- 52 Untainted
- 53 Farm machine
- 54 Women with habits
- 55 Pass out cards
- 59 James Bond, e.g.



In this Sept. 13, 2018, file photo, Elizabeth Smart arrives for a news conference in Salt Lake City.

Elizabeth Smart: Accomplice in kidnapping remains a danger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Elizabeth Smart said Tuesday that she's been assured the woman who helped kidnap her when she was 14 and stood by as she was sexually assaulted will be closely watched when she's released from prison. In an interview on "CBS This Morning," Smart said she believes Wanda Barzee remains a danger. Barzee is expected to be freed Wednesday after 15 years in custody because Utah authorities had miscalculated the amount of time the 72-year-old woman should serve. Smart said she doesn't know all the conditions of Barzee's release

but that she's been told a federal agent will keep a "close eye" on Barzee and that she would be returned to prison "as soon as she messes up." Barzee will be under federal supervision for five years. If she violates terms that include required mental health treatment and an order not to contact Smart's family, she would go back to prison. Smart, now 30, said she has faith in federal probation officers, but lacks faith in Barzee. Smart said she's gone through a roller coaster of emotions since she found out last week Barzee would be released five years earlier than ex-

pected. "The feeling that kind of radiated from her, it just was dark. And it was evil," Smart said. "I just knew that she wasn't there to help me, that she wasn't there to protect me." □



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International 10-year salmon preservation plan advances

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Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Canada and the U.S. states of Alaska, Oregon and Washington would all reduce their catch of fragile salmon species under the terms of an updated international agreement that, if approved, will spell out the next decade of cooperation between the U.S. and Canada to keep the migratory fish afloat in Pacific waters.

Members of the Pacific Salmon Commission on Monday recommended a conservation plan that stretches to 2028 after two years of intense negotiations involving fishermen, tribes on both sides of the border and state and federal officials. It must be approved by both the U.S. and Canadian governments.

The international commission first met in 1985 to create more cooperation between Canada and the U.S. on protecting salmon, which migrate thousands of miles from inland streams to the Pacific Ocean and then back to their spawning place. The agreement covers pink, Coho, sock-



In this undated file photo, a chinook salmon is hooked near Brookings, Ore.

Associated Press

eye, chum and chinook salmon and spans a territory from Cape Falcon, Oregon, in the south to southeast Alaska in the north. The current agreement expires Dec. 31.

One of the most significant parts of the new treaty is reductions in the allowed harvest of chinook salmon, and particularly of chinook populations that are listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said.

That includes chinook stocks from the Puget Sound in Washington and the Columbia River basin that straddles Oregon and Washington. These salmon migrate north hundreds of miles to British Columbia and southeast Alaska, making it important to protect their numbers all along the journey, commission members agreed.

Orca whales in the Puget Sound, which rely on chinook as a primary food source, have struggled

recently because so few salmon are making it to the Pacific Ocean.

Alaska will reduce its catch by 7.5 percent in the southeast when poor chinook returns are expected. Canada will do so by 12.5 percent and Oregon and Washington will reduce their catch anywhere from 5 to 15 percent, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Alaska Gov. Bill Walker said he had asked U.S. federal officials to consider a one-

year delay in implementing a revised treaty because some fishing groups were unhappy with the proposal to reduce the harvest. That was not possible, he wrote in a statement.

"I regret the reduction of even one salmon available to Alaskans for harvest," he said. "However, this treaty agreement protects the health and sustainability of our salmon stocks and guarantees Alaska's ability to directly manage our fisheries without federal interference."

The updated treaty was announced a few days after Washington state authorities took the highly unusual step of closing salmon fishing on a section of the main stem of the Columbia River. The count of fall chinook at Bonneville Dam last week was 105,795 fish, about half of what is normal.

The fall chinook count at Bonneville Dam hovers around 29 percent below the preseason forecast.

Funding requests to implement the treaty will include money for the Puget Sound chinook fishery and to support recovery efforts for the orcas that live in the Puget Sound. □



In this Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018 photo a squirrel carries a walnut in Portland, Maine. A bumper crop of acorns, pine cones and other staples last year led to a population boom of squirrels.

Associated Press

Huge squirrel population chomps crops, driving farmers nuts

By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

There's a bumper crop of squirrels in New England, and the frenetic critters are frustrating farmers by chomping their way through apple orchards, pumpkin patches and corn fields.

The varmints are fattening themselves for winter while destroying the crops with bite marks.

Robert Randall, who has a 60-acre orchard in Standish, Maine, said he's never seen anything like it. "They're eating the pumpkins. They're eating the apples. They're raising some hell this year. It's the worst I've ever seen," he said.

Evidence of the squirrel population explosion

is plain to see along New England's highways, where the critters are becoming roadkill.

Last year, there was a bumper crop of acorns and other food that contributed to a larger-than-normal squirrel population this summer across the region, said Rob Calvert, wildlife biologist from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

This summer, there's not as much food, so the squirrels are looking for nutrition wherever they can find it, including farms, Calvert said.

New England is home to both red and gray squirrels. Known for their bushy tails, the rodents are a common sight in city parks and

backyards, and people enjoy watching their frenetic movements. They eat everything from beechnuts and acorns to berries and seeds. And, apparently, apples, peaches, high-bush blueberries, pumpkins and gourds. In New Hampshire, squirrels have been raiding corn fields, dragging away ears.

"It is crazy. You see squirrel tails everywhere," said Greg Sweetser, who has a boutique apple orchard in Cumberland Center, Maine. In the past, he said, squirrels have sometimes nibbled on apples that had fallen to the ground. But this season they're skittering into the trees, scurrying to and fro, and making their mark. □



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Prince's new basement tape: Just him singing, playing piano

By JEFF BAENEN

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Fans of Prince expecting his usual pyrotechnic guitar work will be surprised that one of the first official albums released from his fabled vault since his death more than two years ago showcases his jazzy piano playing.

"Piano & A Microphone 1983" is just Prince noodling at a piano and singing "Purple Rain" and eight other songs in a one-take recording made at his home studio 35 years ago. Warner Bros. Records releases the album on CD, vinyl and digital formats Friday.

Recorded on a simple cassette, the 35-minute worktape brings the music of Prince full circle, said Troy Carter, adviser to the Prince estate. Prince was on his solo "Piano & A Microphone" tour when, at age 57, he collapsed and died of an accidental fentanyl overdose in his Paisley Park home and recording complex in suburban Minneapolis on April 21, 2016, a week after a concert in Atlanta.

"It was just mind-blowing listening to this raw, simplistic performance," Carter



This cover image released by Warner Bros. Records shows "Piano & A Microphone 1983," a 35-year-old cassette Prince recorded of himself playing piano and singing at his home studio in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

Associated Press

recalled. "It just felt like the right next move to let the world hear this version of it." He calls it "a jam session" intended for music lovers, not super fans.

Except for a few gaps, the tape sounds clean and is presented start to finish as Prince recorded it in his now-demolished home in

Chanhassen, Minnesota, the year before his 1984 hit movie and soundtrack "Purple Rain." Prince runs through "17 Days," the B-side to his hit single "When Doves Cry," a quick "Purple Rain" — later to become his signature guitar anthem — Joni Mitchell's "A Case of You," "International Lover"

from his 1982 album "1999" and "Strange Relationship," not officially released until his 1987 album "Sign 'O' the Times." Prince pounds out chords and breaks into improvisational riffs, running up and down the keyboard while singing in a strong, clear voice.

A highlight is Prince's pas-

sionate singing of "Mary Don't You Weep," an African-American spiritual featured over the closing credits of Spike Lee's new movie "BlacKkKlansman," about a black Colorado policeman who infiltrates the Ku Klux Klan in the 1970s. Carter said he played the song for Lee when the director invited him to an early edit of the movie.

"He said, 'I think this is perfect for the movie,'" Carter recalled Lee saying. The song, also covered by Aretha Franklin and the Swan Silvertones, follows the conclusion of the movie, which brings events up to date with footage of the torch-bearing white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and a car ramming counter-protesters and killing a woman last summer. Prince also sounds playful on "Cold Coffee & Cocaine," lowering his voice into a Miles Davis growl. A real treat is the album's closer, "Why the Butterflies," with Prince's delicate piano and yearning, breathy vocals.

The tape had been heavily bootlegged for years, but with substandard sound. □

Bollywood star's statue symbolizes India's changing mores

By EMILY SCHMALL

NEW DELHI (AP) — Bollywood actress and former porn star Sunny Leone appeared in New Delhi on Tuesday for the unveiling of her wax likeness at the city's Madame Tussauds museum, a symbol of changing cultural mores in a country where arranged marriages remain common and celebrity kisses in public constitute front-page news. The statue represents the Canadian-born, Indian-American actress and entrepreneur's acceptance by mainstream Indian society even as conservative Indian politicians condemn her porn-star past.

Born Karenjit Kaur Vohra to a Sikh Punjabi family, Leone, 37, made a name for herself in the porn industry before breaking into Bollywood in 2012, starring in the sequel to the hit movie

"Jism," Hindi for "body."

A string of movies, a documentary and a Netflix biopic have garnered her huge audiences — even as critics have panned her acting abilities.

For years, Leone has been India's most Googled entertainer. With the statue, Leone joins the pantheon of Indian celebrities — including Bollywood stars Madhubala and Katrina Kaif, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi — immortalized in wax.

Leone's rise in India has not been without controversy. In 2011, Anurag Thakur, head of the youth wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party, now India's ruling party, and a member of India's Parliament, sought to censure a TV channel that ran a reality-TV show featuring Leone.

Thakur argued that an

adult-entertainment star's appearance on the show would have a "negative impact on the mindset of children."

In 2015, India's Community Party leader Atul Kumar Anjan decried a condom ad featuring Leone as "disgusting and dirty," and said it promoted sex and could lead to a rise in rape cases in India.

An antagonistic interview with Bhupendra Chaubey of CNN News18 inspired a firestorm in the Indian press and on social media.

In the interview, Chaubey asked whether Leone regretted working in the porn industry, and whether she was aware that Indian housewives worried she would steal their husbands. Chaubey said some found Leone "completely antithetical to what we perceive as the ideal of an In-



Bollywood actress and former porn star Sunny Leone stands with her wax likeness during its unveiling at the Madame Tussauds museum in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018.

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dian woman."

While some viewers lambasted Chaubey for sexism, Indian author and marketing maven Suhel Seth tweeted that it was "a mirror unto us! How many people before this interview were willing to be by

her side?"

"I don't see myself the way other people see me," Leone said in a news conference Tuesday, adding that the statue stood for "women speaking up and women doing what they're passionate about." □

'House With a Clock' is a real time suck

By **MARK KENNEDY**

The 10-year-old hero at the center of the film "The House With a Clock in Its Walls" likes to look up words in the dictionary, like "foreboding" and "indomitable." He might want to be familiar with the term "execrable" — that's a good one for this movie.

Adapted from the 1973 John Bellairs young adult supernatural thriller, the film somehow manages its own witchcraft in finding the perfect un-sweet spot — it's too scary for little kids, not scary enough for older ones, not funny or clever enough for their parents, and too redundant for everyone. Poof! Watch the audience disappear.

Horror specialist director Eli Roth has stumbled badly as he enters the dangerous realm of whimsical, which is added here at such high doses as to be lethal. The film is ostensibly a Harry Potter-lite coming of age yarn, but the real spooky thing is why Cate Blanchett and Jack Black decided to tag along. The story — by Eric Kripke, creator of TV's "Su-



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Owen Vaccaro, from left, Jack Black and Cate Blanchett in a scene from "The House With A Clock in Its Walls."

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pernatural" — centers on a recently orphaned 10-year-old boy named Lewis in 1955. He moves to a Michigan town to live with his mysterious, chocolate-loving uncle, played by Black, who turns out to be a warlock. The next-door neighbor, Florence Zimmermann,

is an elegant, purple-loving witch played by Blanchett. "You'll see. Things are quite different here," Black's character says to the astonished boy. But he's lying — things are very familiar here: foggy graveyards, creepy dolls, dusty books, animal skeletons in small carved

boxes, ornately carved book jackets, secret rooms behind bookcases, thumping in the walls and even comedic non-human side-kicks (this time an armchair and a topiary griffin). There's been an obvious attempt to ape the chilly menace of Edward Gorey,

who supplied images for Bellairs' book, but this movie really just leans on props and suggestive music, never finding a consistent tone or vision. Sometimes it feels like a Wes Anderson film, at others it goes more like Wes Craven.

Young Lewis, uptight, precocious — and outfitted in the laziest way to show that, with a pair of WWI-era aviator goggles and a bow tie — must learn to be a warlock himself, fit in at school, solve the mystery of the hidden clock and save the universe. Child actor Owen Vaccaro does admirably here. It's the adults who have let him down.

Foremost among them is Black and Blanchett, who are in different movies — he's in a comic farce complete with butt jokes and vomiting pumpkins, and she's doing some very serious English drawing-room drama. "It's the nuts that make things interesting," she says at one point. "I've found that all one really needs in this world is one good friend," she tells Lewis primly. □

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'Leave No Trace' looks at mental health recovery



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"Leave No Trace: a Novel" (Emily Bestler Books/Atria), by Mindy Mejia

A young woman's determination to overcome her past mental problems tests her resolve when she becomes involved in the high-profile case of a violent young man in the superior "Leave No Trace" by Mindy Mejia.

A few short years ago, Maya Stark was a patient at the Congdon Psychiatric Facility just outside Duluth, Minnesota. Her breakdown was caused by myriad situations, including her mother's abandonment.

Maya has progressed beyond that time, attended college and now works at the facility as an assistant speech therapist. Although she relates well to her patients, Maya has no friends. Most of her co-workers refer to her as "that little punk

girl." Maya claims that she feels "something vital in the loneliness, an imperative that I keep the space around me empty and weightless." She only relates to her father, Brian, who runs a tugging and towing service out of the Duluth and Lake Superior harbors; her boss, Dr. Riya Mehta, who was once her psychiatrist; and her German shepherd, Jasper. Maya knows she's unqualified to handle her latest patient — Lucas Blackthorn, a violent 19-year-old who has only responded to Maya since he has been committed. A decade ago, Lucas and his father, Josiah, made headlines when they vanished in the wilds of the massive Boundary Waters along the Canadian border. □

Emmys: An epic proposal, but winners lacking in diversity

By JOCELYN NOVECK

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"The Proposal." It was a 2009 movie starring Sandra Bullock, but now will forever be the informal title of the 2018 Emmys telecast, thanks to a memorable romantic gesture from Emmy-winning director Glenn Weiss — who summoned the courage to propose to his girlfriend on live TV.

She said yes — thank the Lord. The stars in the audience responded with gasps (we saw you, Leslie Jones) and even tears (we saw you too, Queen Elizabeth — er, Claire Foy.)

That feel-good moment — along with crowd-pleasing speeches by Henry Winkler and Betty White — lightened the mood of an evening that otherwise had a lackluster feel, and disappointed many with the lack of ethnic diversity among its winners.

Some moments we'll be talking about:

ISSUE: NOT SOLVED

Nope, they sure didn't solve it.

The Emmys began with a happy announcement — this was the most ethnically diverse group of Emmy nominees yet — and a cheeky musical nod to the diversity issue in Hollywood, a song aptly called "We Solved It!" Kenan Thompson, Kate McKinnon, Sterling K. Brown, Tituss Burgess and Ricky Martin, among others, sang — tongue firmly in cheek — about how far things had progressed, joined by a company of "One of Each" dancers.

But they couldn't have known how the evening itself would progress — award after award would go to a white winner. Presenter James Corden finally said what everyone was thinking. "Let's get it trending: #EmmysSoWhite," he quipped, a double reference to both Betty White, who preceded him, and the prevailing color of the evening.

The string was finally broken about halfway through when Regina King was awarded best actress in a limited series or movie for "Seven Seconds."



Sterling K. Brown, from left, Kristen Bell, Tituss Burgess, Kate McKinnon, Kenan Thompson, and John Legend perform on stage at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards on Monday, Sept. 17, 2018, at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

DA FONZ!

Sometimes it just takes a little patience to achieve your Emmy dreams — like, four decades and six nominations worth of patience. But who's counting? Not Henry Winkler, who bounded to the stage with delight to claim his first Emmy, more than 40 years after he was first nominated for his role as The Fonz in "Happy Days."

The crowd rose to cheer the 72-year-old Winkler as he accepted his trophy for best supporting actor in a comedy series for HBO's dark comedy "Barry," joking that he was giving a speech he wrote 43 years ago.

He quoted some Hollywood advice he'd been given, that "if you stay at the table long enough, the chips come to you."

"Tonight I got to clear the table," he said, and then jokingly told his (adult) children: "You can go to bed now. Daddy won!"

BETTY WHITE STEALS THE SHOW

If that was a feel-good moment, what do you call the sublime appearance of 96-year-old White, honored for 80 years in television? The star of "Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" got such a huge ovation from the crowd that she quipped: "I'm just gonna quit while I'm ahead."

"It's incredible," White said, "that you can stay in a career this long and still have people put up with you. I wish they did that at home." And she showed she wasn't above — or beyond — a racy joke: "I want to thank Lorne Michaels for everything he's done with me. I mean, for me," she said of the "Saturday Night Live" creator and producer of the evening's telecast.

POLITICS TAKES A BREAK

There was surprisingly little politics in the Emmys telecast; the name "Trump" was barely if ever mentioned. But "Full Frontal" host Samantha Bee got a few digs in.

Presenting the award for best drama actor with Taraji P. Henson, Bee was asked what drama she was watching. She was off and running.

"I've been watching this shocking dystopian drama called 'the news,'" Bee said. "I'm on approximately season 9,000. Gets darker and darker, but I can't stop watching. You know, they really need to recast the lead."

She suggested others might want to try, er, lighter fare. "Just watch 'The Handmaid's Tale' instead," she said. "It's a lot more fun."

A #METOO MOMENT

The #MeToo movement, on the other hand, was addressed right away by hosts

Michael Che and Colin Hanks.

"It's an honor being here, sharing this night with the many, many talented and creative people in Hollywood who haven't been caught yet," Che said, to laughs.

Jost noted that drinks were being served to the audience.

"The one thing Hollywood needs right now is people losing their inhibitions at a work function," he quipped. Missing from the audience was former power player Leslie Moonves, the CBS Corp. chief who was ousted last weekend over sexual misconduct allegations. Che said one of the scariest things a Hollywood executive could hear right now is the message, "Sir, Ronan Farrow is on line one," a reference to The New Yorker writer who has specialized in #MeToo stories, including the ones that led to Moonves' downfall.

TALK ABOUT SEIZING THE MOMENT

Glenn Weiss knows how to spice up an awards show. In fact, that's why he won an Emmy Monday — for directing the Oscars. But he took his talent to new heights, using his acceptance speech to pop the question to girlfriend Jan Svendsen.

He first gave tribute to his mother, who died two

weeks ago, and then addressed his girlfriend. "You wonder why I don't want to call you my girlfriend?" he asked Svendsen. "It's because I want to call you my wife."

A stunned Svendsen made her way to the stage, where Weiss sank to his knee and presented her with the same ring his father gave his mother 67 years ago. Then, he asked. The answer was yes. PHEW.

Jost cracked later that there were "so many guys with rings who didn't win tonight." And Emmy winner John Oliver thanked Svendsen for saying yes. "This could've been a very different evening," he noted. NO PROPOSAL FOR RUSSELL AND RHYS

There were two sweet victories for the FX spy drama "The Americans," which concluded its six-season run in May with an acclaimed finale. The writing award for drama went to Joel Fields and Joseph Weisberg, and the best actor trophy went to Matthew Rhys, who played KGB agent Philip Jennings.

In his speech, Rhys acknowledged his longtime co-star and partner in life, Keri Russell, who lost out in the acting category to Foy. "I don't have the words, I don't have the time — neither of which would do you justice, Keri," he said. "So thank you. More to come." He added that there would be no second onstage proposal that night.

"She said, 'If you propose to me, I'll punch you clean in the mouth.'"



Will flying cars take off? Japan's government hopes so

By YURI KAGEYAMA

TOKYO (AP) — Electric drones booked through smartphones pick people up from office rooftops, shortening travel time by hours, reducing the need for parking and clearing smog from the air. This vision of the future is driving the Japanese government's "flying car" project. Major carrier All Nippon Airways, electronics company NEC Corp. and more than a dozen other companies and academic experts hope to have a road map ready by the year's end.

"This is such a totally new sector Japan has a good chance for not falling behind," said Fumiaki Ebihara, the government official in charge of the project.

Nobody believes people are going to be zipping around in flying cars any time soon. Many hurdles remain, such as battery life, the need for regulations and, of course, safety concerns. But dozens of similar projects are popping up around the world. The prototypes so far are less like traditional cars and more like drones big enough to hold people.

A flying car is defined as an aircraft that's electric, or hybrid electric, with driverless capabilities, that can land and takeoff vertically. They are often called EVTOL, which stands for "electric vertical takeoff and landing" aircraft.

The flying car concepts promise to be better than helicopters, which are expensive to maintain, noisy to fly and require trained pilots, Ebihara and other proponents say.

"You may think of 'Back to the Future,' 'Gundam,' or 'Doraemon,'" Ebihara said, referring to vehicles of flight in a Hollywood film and in Japanese cartoons featuring robots. "Up to now, it was just a dream, but with innovations in motors and batteries, it's time for it to become real."

Google, drone company Ehang and car manufacturer Geely in China, and Volkswagen AG of Germany have invested in flying



In this Saturday, June 3, 2017, file photo, Tsubasa Nakamura, project leader of Cartivator, third from left, watches the flight of the test model of the flying car on a former school ground in Toyota, central Japan.

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car technology.

Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. said they had nothing to say about flying cars, but Toyota Motor Corp. recently invested \$500 million in working with Uber on self-driving technology for the ride-hailing service. Toyota group companies have also invested 42.5 million yen (\$375,000) in a Japanese startup, Cartivator, that is working on a flying car.

The hope is to fly up and light the torch at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but it's un-

clear it will meet that goal: At a demonstration last year, the device crashed after it rose to slightly higher than eye level. A video of a more recent demonstration suggests it's now flying more stably, though it's being tested indoors, unmanned and chained so it won't fly away.

There are plenty of skeptics. Elon Musk, chief executive of electric car maker Tesla Inc., says even toy drones are noisy and blow a lot of air, which means anything that would be "1,000 times

heavier" isn't practical.

"If you want a flying car, just put wheels on a helicopter," he said in a recent interview with podcast host and comedian Joe Rogan on YouTube. "Your neighbors are not going to be happy if you land a flying car in your backyard or on your rooftop."

Though the Japanese government has resisted Uber's efforts to offer ride-hailing services in Japan, limiting it to partnerships with taxi companies, it has eagerly embraced the U.S. com-

pany's work on EVTOL machines.

Uber says it is considering Tokyo as its first launch city for affordable flights via its UberAir service. It says Los Angeles and Dallas, Texas, and locations in Australia, Brazil, France and India are other possible locations.

Unlike regular airplanes, with their aerodynamic design and two wings, Uber's "Elevate" structures look like small jets with several propellers on top. The company says it plans flight demonstrations as soon as 2020 and a commercial service by 2023.

Uber's vision calls for using heliports on rooftops, but new multi-floored construction similar to parking lots for cars will likely be needed to accommodate EVTOL aircraft if the service takes off. Unmanned drones are legal in Japan, the U.S. and other countries, but there are restrictions on where they can be flown and requirements for getting approval in advance. In Japan, drone flyers can be licensed if they take classes. There is no requirement like drivers licenses for cars. Flying passengers over populated areas would take a quantum leap in technology, overhauling aviation regulations and air traffic safety controls, along with major efforts both to ensure safety and convince people it's safe.

Uber said at a recent presentation in Tokyo that it envisions a route between the city's two international airports, among others.

"This is not a rich person's toy. This is a mass market solution," said Adam War-moth, product manager at Uber Elevate.

Concepts for flying cars vary greatly. Some resemble vehicles with several propellers on top while others look more like a boat with a seat over the propellers.

Ebihara, the flying-car chief at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, says Japan is on board for "Blade Runner" style travel — despite its plentiful, efficient and well developed public transportation. □



In this Sept. 13, 2018 photo, Atsushi Taguchi, a "drone grapher," as those specializing in drone video are called, who teaches at Tokyo film school Digital Hollywood, speaks during an interview with the Associated Press in Tokyo.

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